

Hendricks Humane Donates to County Libraries to Educate Youth About Animals



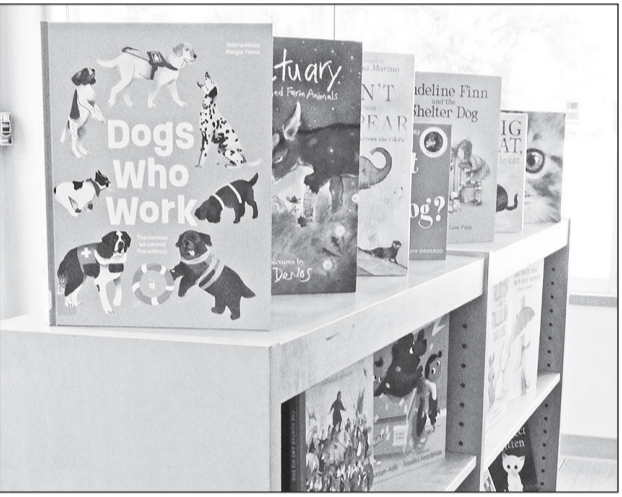
The Danville-Center Township Library added a veterinarian play center, as well as a number of books about animals with the Hendricks Humane grant.

By Olivia O'Neal

The Hendricks County Humane Society donated \$7,000 to all six libraries in Hendricks County after receiving a grant from the Build-A-Bear Foundation to promote humane education for Hendricks County youth ages 6-14. All libraries were given over \$1,000 to be spent on any means of literature and learning that involve animals and pet care.

At the Danville Center-Township Public Library, a quarter of the money went into their new Animal Care Veterinary Center play station (found in the activity room) which includes stuffed animals; toy tools like stethoscopes, medicine bottles, and care checklists; and even toy adoption certificates, all displayed and ready for play.

According to Renee Bowman, the Youth Services Manager, the Vet Center has been played with by dozens of kids. The rest of the donation was used to purchase books from a variety of genres, all having animals as their common trait.



The Coatesville-Clay Township Library's children's section has many new animal-themed books for young readers, thanks to the grant.



The Clayton-Liberty Township Library displayed some of the new children's books purchased with the Hendricks Humane grant.

The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library purchased books such as Stephanie Bearce's "Disgusting Animal Care Jobs" and Mindie Dittmore's "Keeping Chickens: A Kid's Guide to Everything You Need to Know about Breeds, Coops, Behavior, Eggs, and More!" Animal care books that covered a wide range of pets from the usual fish, cats, or dogs to the more unconventional like chinchillas, iguanas, and parakeets were also purchased.

The Coatesville-Clay Public Library has displayed the wide variety of books purchased with the grant, including "Dogs Who Work (The Canines We Cannot Live Without)" by Valeria Aloise, "Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog" by Lisa Papp, "The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow" by Elaine Dimopoulos, and "Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me" by Eloise Greenfield. A QR code can be found inside the books which, if scanned will take you straight to the Hendricks County Humane Society Website.

The Clayton Liberty Township Public Library has also used the money for literature, now in possession of books like "Epic Animal Rescue Friends: Friends Fur-Ever!" by Jana Tropper and Genevieve Kote, "Eric Loves Animals (Just Like You)" by Eric Carle, and "Hope: Project Animal Rescue" by Alyssa Milano with Debbie Rigaud.

As Robbie Caldwell, information services manager for Brownsburg Public Library, explained, "We are excited to be recipients of [the Humane Society's] kindness." The Brownsburg Public library has a working list of almost 100 new books including Maria Gianferrari's "Being a Cat," Susan Rose's "Josã and El Perro," and Ellen Miles' "Fluffy and Freckles."

The grant money could have been used in any other ways, but the humane society "felt like library books would be the best way to reach a large audience of children that age" according to Tracie Ousnamer from the Hendricks County Humane Society. Due to the smaller size of the Humane Society and thus lack of "man-power," she added that programming would be more difficult.

"It is our hope that adding to each library's collection of Humane Education books will serve the community for many years to come," added Carol Battistini from the Hendricks County Humane Society.

Republican Staff Enjoys Pop-Up-Party Treats



Staff of The Republican recently held an afternoon "pop up party" with tasty treats from one of our local favorites "The Bread Basket."

We had a selection of French silk pie, triple berry pie, white chocolate cranberry cake, a birthday cookie and tomato basil and honey oat bread. Our mascot Goa-Tee and his buddy Vincent-Van-Goat were front and center, ready for a party.

Hendricks County Senior Center Activities



The Hendricks County Senior Center hosts a variety of programs and activities throughout each month. The Senior Center is located at 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville. For more information about Hendricks County Senior Services, visit hcseniors.org.

Hendricks County Parks Program - 4th Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Naturalists from HC Parks will present a free, fun and educational program.

Bingo - Tuesday at 1 p.m. \$1 to play.

Woodcarvers Club - Monday, 4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. For beginners, intermediate or skilled woodcarvers. Free.

Quilters - 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to join. Free.

Art Club - Monday, 1 p.m. Bring your supplies and join fellow artists in an encouraging atmosphere. Free.

Board & Card Games - Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Meet old or new friends and play various board and card games. Free.

Music & Dancing - Thursday, 6 p.m. Join line dancers, couples dancing and those who want to just sit back and listen to great music. Music will be provided by a DJ. Cost is \$2, payable at the door.

Fun & Games with Cory - 1st Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Join Cory Hull for fun games and prizes each month. No registration required. Free.

Games with Tara - 2nd Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Tara Sitchler, licensed Humana agent, will host a fun game. Free.

Games with Harmony - 4th Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Harmony of Avon will host a different, fun game. Free.

Music with Dave - Thursday, 10 a.m. Join us and enjoy the awesome, uplifting music of David Hatfield. Free.

DHS Class of '76 Reunion

The Danville High School Class Of 1976 Reunion will take place September 22 and 23, 2023, at the Avon American Legion. There will be dinner and social time while reconnecting with classmates.

We are looking for classmates to reconnect with while celebrating the Class of 1976. For information, Contact: danville.in.classof1976@gmail.com

Astronomy at McCloud Park

Looking for a fun and educational family activity that's free?

The Indiana Astronomical Society (IAS) partners with Park Naturalists to hold sky seminars and viewings.

The IAS will present a brief informational session, rain or shine, describing the celestial objects to be observed, followed by outdoor stargazing under clear skies only. Learn to use the powerful telescopes provided to share, or bring your own.

Recommended for ages 6 through adult, this program is FREE to attend, and no advance registration is required. Approximate program duration: 2 hours.

McCloud Nature Park is located at 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem. For more information, visit hendrickscountyparks.org.

No man ever got very high by pulling other people down. The intelligent merchant does not knock his competitors. The sensible worker does not work those who work with him. Don't knock your friends. Don't knock your enemies. Don't knock yourself.

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