Welcome Back to the Library

As you are well aware, The Hayner Public Library District, in compliance with Governor J.B. Pritzker’s Stay-at-Home Order, shut library doors mid-March. While we were not open to the public, much of our staff continued to work: growing online services, keeping our website and social media account current, cleaning, preparing safety measures, moving our teen and children’s summer reading programs online, and completing building maintenance projects.

We have used this time of closure to clean the carpets in the Downtown and Genealogy & Local History libraries. We have installed plexiglass barriers at all service and circulation desks. The floor in the multipurpose room, staff room, and book drop room at the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall have all been replaced. New Hayner Library signage has been installed outside the second floor entrance at Alton Square Mall; this sign will be lit at night.

A large amount of materials were returned in our book drops during the time we were closed. The materials were checked in and then quarantined for three days before being returned to the shelves. On June 1, we opened the Downtown Library and the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall to curbside service, which has gone very smoothly. All fines and late fees accrued by Hayner Library patrons from March 17 through July 31, 2020 will be waived. The Genealogy & Local History Library has been closed since March 17 and will remain closed through at least July. However, the staff is working to take your calls and help you with your research via phone and/or email.

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We have reduced our hours of service at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. The Downtown Library is open Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall is open Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Both locations are closed on Sundays.

Our Youth Services department has reinitiated the StoryWalk® program at The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL. StoryWalk® allows families to walk a nature trail while reading stories posted in specialized weatherproof stands. A new StoryWalk® story is posted each month.

Currently, unless things change dramatically, we anticipate opening our doors to the public in August. There will be certain guidelines on the number of patrons we can allow in our facilities at any one time and there will likely be recommended limits on browsing time so that we can best accommodate everyone who wants entry. There will also be strictly enforced time limits on use of the public computers to ensure we can accommodate as many patrons as possible. We will ask that all patrons wear masks. We will provide masks if you should forget yours. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout each location and we will ask patrons to practice social distancing. We will continue to quarantine all returned materials for the recommended seventy-two hours.

This has certainly been a challenging few months and we so appreciate your cooperation and patience. Our number one priority is to provide you with a full-service library District while ensuring the highest level of safety measures to protect both our staff and patrons. We look forward to seeing you back in the library soon!
The Harlem Renaissance

During the 1920s, Harlem became a mecca for African-Americans seeking a better way of life. They found it in the northern borough of Manhattan. The Harlem Renaissance originated in the 1920s; some say it was in August 1920 when Marcus Garvey led a black nationalist group, promoting black pride in the area. Not only did African-Americans settle in Harlem from the south during the Great Migration, but they came from across the United States and other countries.

Soon Harlem became a remarkable community of artists, writers, musicians, singers, and intellectuals, creating a period of bustling intellectual and artistic expression. Nightlife was vibrant in Harlem, known for its lavish and sophisticated night clubs. Many of its famous nightclubs were patronized by members of the community and the whites who appreciated the new sounds coming from famous jazz stars and singers such as Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Bessie Smith, Paul Robeson, and others. Harlem was the center of the Jazz Age in the 1920s.

Authors wrote of the black experience and today we still read the literary works of Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, and W.E.B. Du Bois. Leading thinkers were Alain LeRoy Locke and W.E.B. Du Bois, pillars of the Harlem intellectual community. Marcus Garvey was the leader of the black nationalist movement promoting black pride. They worked to enlighten whites to accept blacks as equals.

The Harlem Renaissance was an enriching period in American history and Harlem was the place to participate in this cultural and intellectual explosion of the time. Even though it faded by the mid-1930s, we are left with the lasting legacies of jazz music, great literature, and an artistic expression that is uniquely African-American.


Talking about Race with Help from the Smithsonian

Talking about race and racism can feel uncomfortable, but it is necessary. The Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture recently launched “Talking About Race,” a new online portal designed to help start conversations about “racism, racial identity, and the way these forces shape every aspect of society, from the economy and politics to the broader American culture.” The museum’s educators have been working on these topics for decades. “Talking About Race” builds upon their extensive research, studies, consultations, and educational resources from history, education, psychology, and human development. https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race

The staff at the Genealogy & Local History Library has been discussing race and racism and how our experiences have been shaped by where we grew up (Illinois, New York, Minnesota, Arkansas), our ages, and our racial identities. In our research, we see first-hand the effects of generational wealth, hiring practices, and social norms of the past. This includes the money and other possessions of monetary value (and even enslaved people) passed down in wills; clear evidence of certain companies that didn’t hire anyone who wasn’t white; and newspaper articles that erase anyone who wasn’t a white male from the written record, purposefully or not. People use genealogy research for all kinds of reasons, but we hope as you do your own research, you think about how the past is affecting the present, and how we can all make a better future.
The year 2020 is proving to be a stressful and challenging year. We hope for better days ahead. Let us look back one hundred years to the decade of the 1920s for solace in understanding what our ancestors were facing at that time. For authoritative information on decade studies, Hayner Library has some wonderful books and databases to help you, such as *The Roaring Twenties* by Tom Streissguth (973.91 STR) and *What Made the Twenties Roar?* by Sean Price (MasterFILE Premier).

The lead-up to 1920 was challenging. Americans had just gone through World War I (1914 -1919), which the U.S. entered in 1917, and experienced the influenza pandemic of 1918. More than 500,000 Americans were killed in 1918 and 1919 from the pandemic, more than were killed in the war. Americans were exhausted from the war and from battling the flu. They did not want to be involved in foreign entanglements. They needed healing and their spirits lifted.

After recovering from a post-war depression, life began to accelerate rapidly. Two constitutional amendments were passed in 1920, the only year in history in which such a feat was accomplished! Women were increasingly becoming more mobile, aided by the recent influx of women doing typically “male” jobs during the war effort. This newfound freedom propelled women into politics and a loosening of commonly held values. Drinking alcohol was prohibited by the Eighteenth Amendment but nightlife still flourished. Women fought for the right to vote and on August 13, 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment was signed into law, bringing about a decade of revolutionary change in the social and economic position of women in the United States.

Social revolution, combined with a society loose with its money, increased prosperity and mobility. Young people embraced new fashions, a new type of music called jazz, and new values, confounding the older generation. The influx of factory-made automobiles and better roads allowed more freedom of movement. The invention of television, frozen food, radio broadcasting, and the discovery of penicillin led Americans on the path to the good life.

Migration from rural to urban areas increased dramatically, leading to change in demographics and expression of cultural values. The Great Migration occurred with African-Americans and poor white farmers coming from the south to northern cities seeking a better way of life. However, immigration from European countries, especially eastern Europe and southern Europe, was being curtailed. With the rise of mobs and the Red Scare, America formed an anti-immigrant sentiment.

Easy credit and speculation in the stock market made the economy boom and gave millions of Americans the comfortable life they were looking for. But this access to credit and rampant speculation also brought about the crash that would put an end to the roaring decade.
If you would like booklets for your organization, please contact the Reference department at (618) 462-0677, email (genealogy@haynerlibrary.org), or mail (401 State Street, Alton, IL 62002) research requests!

In addition to assisting patrons, we’re also working to make more resources available online. We have partnered with the Illinois State Library to create the Alton Area Local History Collection as part of their Illinois Digital Archives collection. We’re adding more material all the time. To view the Alton Area Local History Collection online, please visit http://www.idallinois.org/digital/collection/p16614coll61/search/. The Illinois Digital Archives are a fantastic resource for Illinois history, and include photographs, oral interviews, books, newspapers, and other items.

The Genealogy & Local History Library has also secured an extension of remote access to Ancestry Library Edition through the end of July (at least). We are also absolutely thrilled to report that free remote access to Newspaper Archive (Illinois edition) has been extended indefinitely. So even when the Genealogy & Local History Library does reopen, patrons will still be able to access The Alton Telegraph and other Illinois newspapers from home. The links for Ancestry Library Edition and Newspaper Archive can be found in the Online Resources section of the Hayner Library website. If you need tips or have trouble using the sites, please feel free to email the Genealogy & Local History Library at genealogy@haynerlibrary.org.

We’re also extremely excited about partnering with the Edwardsville Public Library and the Madison County Historical Society for the 2020 Historian Project (https://www.edwardsvillelibrary.org/teen-historian-challenge). Originally aimed at teens, the project is now open to everyone, and we encourage you to share your experience of living through a worldwide pandemic. This current moment in time will be in future history books. Your unique daily observations will serve as primary sources to people in the future. We hope that this project will encourage you to contemplate and think critically about the state of the world—and give you an outlet to process information, ideas, and feelings. Be authentic. Be honest. Be reflective. Pay attention to the details. The goal of this project is to allow you to chronicle the changes you observe in your community, the country, and the world as a result of COVID-19.

The Hayner Public Library District has created a helpful Community Support Services resource booklet, highlighting the social service organizations and resources available in our community. This booklet provides a list of local shelters, food sources, free legal services, aging assistance, crisis help, disabilities support, homeless assistance, veterans support, warming/cooling centers, and more. Booklets have been distributed throughout the community at hospitals, clinics, crisis centers, and other local organizations. You can pick up a free copy at any Hayner Library location. You can also access the brochure in the Online Resources section of the library’s website; the booklet is listed under the Community Support Services category.

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**Wowbrary: Your Online “New Book” Shelf**

If you’ve missed browsing at Hayner Library recently, let Wowbrary be your “new book” shelf.

Wowbrary is a free, non-profit online newsletter created to better connect people with what is new at their library. Published weekly, it highlights top new books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and even online magazines added to the Hayner Library collection that week. Browsing categories include “Top 20 Choices” along with other fiction and non-fiction lists for adults, teens, and children.

What makes Wowbrary different from generic lists? It only highlights new materials that Hayner Library has actually added to the collection that week. Wowbrary makes new items easy to browse and allows patrons to immediately place reserves on any items they see.

Hayner Library has subscribed to Wowbrary for several years, but it is especially helpful now that libraries are offering curbside service as a first stage to reopening after the COVID-19 shutdown. Readers can quickly scan new offerings and click through directly to the Hayner Library website to reserve titles, which staff can prepare for curbside pick-up.

Wowbrary is free, published weekly, and can be received as email or RSS. If you’d like to receive the Wowbrary newsletter, here’s how to register:

- Visit www.wowbrary.org
- Click on the Sign Up tab
- Enter your 5 digit ZIP code and click on the Go button
- Select The Hayner Library Public Library District
- Enter your email address (you will do this twice to verify accuracy)
- Type in the security code shown on the screen and click on the Submit button
- Wowbrary will send an authentication email to your email address
- Log-in to your email account and open the Wowbrary email
- Click on the link contained in the Wowbrary email to complete your registration

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**StoryWalk® Program**

Exercise, fresh air, nature, and literacy are all combined in Hayner Library’s StoryWalk®. Hayner Library’s StoryWalk® is an outdoor reading experience in which a children’s book is deconstructed, the pages laminated, placed in weatherproof wooden story boards, and then arranged along a walking path. The StoryWalk® books, chosen by our children’s librarian, are posted along The Frog Trail at The Nature Institute. The Nature Institute (TNI) is a non-profit land conservation and environmental education organization based in Godfrey, IL. The Frog Trail is approximately one mile in length and is located behind the Talahi Lodge. Visitors are encouraged to stop at the first storyboard and use a smartphone to scan the QR code, located at the bottom of the introduction page. Scanning the QR code will help the library keep track of participation in the program.

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**TumbleBook Library**

TumbleBook Library is Hayner Library’s newest addition to our digital collection. This online site, perfect for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade, has thousands of children’s titles that can be accessed directly from the TumbleBook Library platform. The TumbleBook Library collection includes story books, read-alongs, e-books, graphic novels, nonfiction, videos, games, and more. TumbleBook Library is free to use and can be accessed from your home computer, smartphone, tablet, or other mobile device. The TumbleBook Library can be found on the KidsSpace page of the library’s website. Visit www.haynerlibrary.org, click on the Kids & Teens tab at the top of the page, and then select KidsSpace. Explore literacy in a fun and interactive way!

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**Star Wars Reads Day 2020**

Hayner Library will celebrate *Star Wars* Reads Day 2020: Roll into Reading on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Patrons can stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and pick up a take-home craft and *Star Wars* activity packet. Everyone who stops by will be entered into a drawing for a fun *Star Wars*-themed prize. For more information, please call (618) 433-2861. May the Force be with you always!

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**Teen Book Crate Program**

Hey, Hayner teens! Subscribe to our fun-to-open book subscription crate service. Each month, Hayner Library will supply you with a new-release book based upon your reading preferences and some surprise items.

When you have enjoyed your book, simply return it (and the box) for a new selection. Registration is easy! Simply fill out and submit the My Library Crate registration form, located on the TeenSpace page of the library’s website. A TeenSpace staff member will do the rest!

Please note: This program is restricted to Hayner Library card holders ages 12-18 only. Once contacted, participants have five days to pick up their checked-out book crate from Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.
Readers’ Advisory Online Services

The Reference department provides a readers’ advisory service, prepares new and different book lists, and creates book displays on a continuous basis. Hayner Library subscribes to NovelList Plus K-8 and NovelList Plus for in-depth readers’ advisory. You can find these databases and links to other helpful book sites on the Hayner Library website. Click on the Online Resources tab at the top of our website and scroll to the Books and Readers’ Advisory category. You will find:

- **Curated lists of books from the Hayner Library collection.** Titles are available for check out from Hayner Library. If the titles are currently checked out, a hold may be placed on them. Look for “If You Like … Try These Books.” These lists will be constantly updated and changed.

- **NovelList Plus K-8** is an online database of reading recommendations designed for children and the adults who work with them. The easy-to-use design encourages kids to find the right books for their reading levels and interests. Teachers and parents can find valuable teaching resources.

- **NovelList Plus** is an online database for fiction and nonfiction. It includes plot summaries, author read-alikes, title read-a-likes, award winners, book discussion guides, and feature articles.

- **Fantastic Fiction** allows readers to search by author, book, or series. This site contains the latest book and series information.

- **Stop, You’re Killing Me** is a great site for readers who enjoy mystery, crime, thriller, spy, and suspense books. This site features over 5,200 authors and contains chronological lists of their works.

Online Voter Registration

Hayner Library’s voter registration service will resume when our facilities reopen. In the meantime, if you are a resident of Illinois and wish to register to vote, the Illinois State Board of Election offers online voter registration at https://ova.elections.il.gov. Registration period closes at the end of the day on October 18, 2020 and will reopen on November 5, 2020.

Reference Help and Ask a Librarian

You can get reference help 24/7 by emailing reference@haynerlibrary.org. A reference librarian will respond to your query as soon as possible. In addition, our Ask a Librarian service is available on the Hayner Library website. Click on the Ask a Librarian icon, located on the left side of the homepage, fill out the form, and help will be on the way!

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

The CFPB's website contains COVID-19 related information on topics such as avoiding scams, rent relief, consumer protections, and more. Relief options and protections may be available for many renters who are having trouble paying rent during the pandemic. Learn what help may be available for those who pay rent or hold a mortgage. Visit https://www.consumerfinance.gov and click on the Unified Housing link to find helpful information on mortgage and housing assistance, how to avoid scams and bad actors, and where to get additional help.

2020 Census Online

You can still respond to the 2020 Census. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the self-response phase of the 2020 Census has been extended to October 31, 2020 (online, phone, and mail responses). Visit https://my2020census.gov to complete the census for you and everyone living in your home. It’s quick and easy to respond, and your answers are protected by law. Filling out the census questionnaire is important. Census data is used to determine the number of your congressional representatives, federal funding to states and their localities, and more. The annual share of federal funding received by Illinois supports infrastructure needs, schools, hospitals and emergency healthcare centers, social services, and many more services. Companies and local businesses make decisions whether to potentially expand or build based on census data of the area. Be sure to be counted! It’s not too late.

COVID-19 Information

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, please visit:

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** https://www.cdc.gov/
- **World Health Organization:** https://www.who.int/
- **Occupational Safety and Health Administration:** https://www.osha.gov/
- **Illinois Department of Public Health:** http://www.dph.illinois.gov/
- **Madison County Health Department:** https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/health/index.php
- **State of Illinois Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response:** https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/

Red Cross Emergency App

The Red Cross has a handy Emergency App designed to keep users prepared when a disaster strikes. This all-inclusive app lets users monitor more than thirty-five different severe weather and emergency alerts, such as severe storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, winter weather advisories, and more. The app allows users to customize the alerts and notifications to their specific weather concerns.

The Red Cross app also features safety tips to prepare for many different situations, including: coronavirus safety, chemical emergencies at home, drought, extreme heat, flood, home fire, power outage, tornado, water safety, and more. The free Emergency App is available in app stores (search “American Red Cross”) or at www.redcross.org/apps. A link to the app can also be found in the Online Resources section of the library's website.

Like Us on Facebook

The Hayner Library Facebook page is full of up-to-date library information, links to fun and educational websites, online story times, genealogy information, and more. Be sure to visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HaynerLibrary.
**Cloud Library: Access Thousands of E-Books and E-Audiobooks for Free**

Hayner Library offers access to over 39,000 e-books and 8,000 e-audiobooks through our Cloud Library digital platform. Cloud Library materials can be accessed via PC, smartphone, tablet, or other mobile device.

Hayner Library cardholders can search, check out, and place holds for titles using the Cloud Library app. Titles are organized into categories such as new release, biographical, fantasy, literary, medical, cultural heritage, mystery, and dozens more. Titles can also be filtered into categories such as fiction, nonfiction, teens, and children. Patrons can even listen to samples of e-audiobooks before checking out a title.

Patrons who place holds on titles will receive an email notification when their item is available for check out. Titles are automatically checked in when the due date arrives—no overdue fines!

The font and margin size, mode, and page rotation settings for e-books are customizable in the Cloud Library app. The e-audiobook settings can also be customized to speed up or slow down the narrator’s reading speed and a sleep timer can also be set.

A link to the Cloud Library online platform can be found in the Download Audio & e-Books section of the library’s website. Step-by-step instructions for downloading and using the Cloud Library app can be found in the Help with Your e-Reader section of the library’s website.

Helpful hint for those who already use the Cloud Library app: If you experience issues with e-books or e-audiobooks not properly downloading to the Cloud Library app, simply update the app on your smartphone, tablet, or other mobile device. Cloud Library should alert you when updates are available, but you can run an update at any time. If this doesn’t work, uninstall and then reinstall the app. All holds and titles currently checked out to your account should reappear when the app is reinstalled.

**Playaways: An Easy Way to Listen to Books**

A Playaway is an audiobook preloaded onto a portable media player roughly the size of a business card. Listen to Playaways using headphones, or use an auxiliary cable to play them through your car, home, or portable speakers. Get the benefits of audio CDs without the hassle of changing discs! Hayner Library owns nearly 1,000 Playaways for adults, teens, and children. Some of our children’s Playaways even come with a companion book designed to deliver a fun and educational read-along experience. Children’s read-along Playaways are called Bookpacks. You can find Playaways and Bookpacks in the online card catalog by performing a search for “Playaway” or “Playway Bookpacks” as a keyword. Check one out today!

**RBdigital App Provides Hayner Patrons with Access to e-Audiobooks and Digital Magazines**

Have you checked out the RBdigital app yet? If not, you’re missing a great opportunity to access thousands of e-audiobooks and dozens of full-color digital magazines, all at the touch of a button!

The RBdigital app is a product of Recorded Books, the largest independent producer of audiobooks in the world. The free RBdigital app can be downloaded directly to your smartphone, tablet, or other mobile device. For more information about this service, including a step-by-step guide for creating an RBdigital account, please visit the Help With Your e-Reader and Download Audio & eBooks sections of the library’s website.

Please note that the RBdigital app is being offered in addition to our Cloud Library e-book and e-audiobook collection. It is our hope that the two collections will complement one another and give you even more digital choices for reading and listening to your favorite authors and magazine titles.

**Accessing the Online Card Catalog and Your Hayner Library Account Online**

Long gone are the days when a paper card catalog was used to locate items in the library collection. The card catalog is now digital and can be easily accessed directly from the Hayner Library website.

The online card catalog allows users to perform author, title, subject, and keyword searches. Searches can even be narrowed to include ISBN, publisher, genre, and series information. Users can also limit searches to specific types of materials such as DVDs, audiobooks, music CDs, etc. The card catalog can be viewed in English or Spanish and the font can be adjusted for larger viewing.

The online card catalog offers users the ability to locate items in the Hayner Library collection as well as items from other libraries within the Illinois Heartland Library System. You will be notified by phone call, text, or email when an item is ready for pick-up.

You can also view your library account directly from the library’s website. Once you are logged in, you can view the items currently checked out to you, manage your outstanding requests, renew materials, view your reading history (optional), and pay your fines online.

Step-by-step instructions for navigating and using the online card catalog, as well as your online account, can be found on the Hayner Library website.
The Hayner Public Library District is currently operating under modified service hours. Please visit www.haynerlibrary.org or call (618) 462-0677 to confirm our current hours of operation.

Online Resources

The Hayner Public Library District offers over forty online databases. The online databases can be found on the Online Resources page of the library’s website. Available topics include auto repair, Consumer Reports, elementary and high school resources, government, health, jobs and careers, and senior services.

The MasterFILE Premier database is a valuable aid for students writing research papers. Students can perform basic or advanced searches, searching by publication or subject. MasterFILE Premier also contains a “Dictionary” feature, which provides up-to-date information from The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 2019. A little-known feature in MasterFILE Premier is the “More” feature, which includes a searchable collection of thousands of photos. MasterFILE Premier allows users to choose from one of several tools—the ability to email an article, save it to a computer or flash drive, or create a bookmark to allow the article to be viewed at a later date. The “Tools” feature also contains a citation function; users can choose from an extensive list of citation formats, including APA, Chicago/Turabian, MLA, and others.

Databases provide a treasury of information at your fingertips. They are free to use with your Hayner Library card and can be accessed 24/7 from home.