Due to Covid-19 our Summer Reading Program looks a lot different. But rest assured we are doing our best to ensure you still have a wonderful Summer Reading experience! Our Summer Reading Program will be done all online.

Sign up using the directions below. If you do not have access to a smart phone or computer, call the library at 269-672-7875 and we will arrange for a packet pick up.

1. Go to Wheeler.beanstack.org on your computer or download the app from any app store. Search for wheeler public library.
2. Click on Register an Individual or Family
3. It will ask you if you want to register yourself or your child.
4. If registering as a family, the parent should begin by clicking I am Registering Myself. Once complete, follow the prompts to add another adult or child.
5. To view and log under each family member’s name simply choose switch reader in the upper left corner of your home page after logging in.
6. Once registered, access your account by logging in to Beanstack using the username and password that you initially created. When using a public computer, make sure you Sign Out of your Beanstack account after each use.

Once we are allowed to start Curbside service, we will also have weekly activity packets available for pickup at the library.

Please let us know if you have any questions about Beanstack or the Summer Reading Program.
create, manage, and measure summer and year-round reading challenges. Set to go live and ready for summer reading on June 1st. Alicia may be ready before then, she’s been working hard on it. Once she has it ready its submitted to Beanstack for a quality check.

At this point, physical programs are not happening. Donations stopped as soon as the pandemic hit. So as soon as Beanstack is ready the prizes will be ordered which will remain very simple. E-readers, gift cards, and books. The motto is streamline and simple.

Friends of the library have approved the use of $500 toward new e-books. Signed up for advantage on overdrive.

Ordering new books, Alicia is using her address for shipping at this time. She can process at home and prepare for re-opening. MeLCat is still shut down, not even any conversations about restarting yet.

Alicia as set up a website for library card application. People can apply for a card online. Alicia gets them set up for eBooks and their card number for them. They’ll be all set for in-library services as soon as we open.

TWP subsidies – Orangeville said then approved at their budget meeting $6200 for us. Haven’t heard from Watson yet. Emails sent.

Director evaluations are due. Old Business.

Director’s evaluations need to be compiled. Alice has them.

New Business.

Budget Committee Presents Budget...

Re-opening plan. Starting with curbside pick up. Alicia is working on a phased plan. Clean day first, then curbside, then TBD based on the situation.

Updates on local meetings

Martin Twp meeting. No meeting. Alice sat in to Zoom township meeting. Still hoping to hold the spring cleaning with the dumpsters. Parade will be addressed during the May meeting.

Orangeville Twp meeting. No meeting.

Friends Meeting. No meeting.

School Board. No meeting.

Public Comment

No Public present.

Board Member Comment

Round table about what the members have been doing to cope.

Next meeting: May 26, 2020 5PM.

Adjournment

Jill 1st, Julie 2nd. All in favor. 5:43 pm
I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Here’s a quick update on all things library related. We are currently still closed through June 12th in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order, BUT we are hopeful for the future! I believe we are closer to being able to open than we were a month ago. We have a plan for a phased opening that will comply with directives and recommendations from the health department and the CDC. The full details of this plan can be found on our website: https://www.wheelerpl.michlib.org/ OR our blog: https://martinjcwheelerlibrary.wordpress.com/. One of the services we will be implementing is curbside service. This will begin as soon as we are legally able to. You will be able to request books via email, our online catalog, leaving a message on the library’s phone or Facebook messenger.

We are taking precautions to clean and quarantine items before letting them circulate again. Currently, the due dates on all items that were checked out and not already overdue have been moved to August 1. We are still processing new books so when we do re-open we will have a lot of new books ready for you. The whole list of new books can be seen on our blog or you can see some of them in the fourth page of the newsletter.

We have been working diligently on our Summer Reading Program. The fact that we cannot have in person programs weighs heavily on us. But we are still planning some fun activities that you can do at home. Information for registering for the Summer Reading Program is on the front page. If you do not have access to the internet or a smart phone, just contact the library and we will get you registered and discuss with you how it will work. As soon as curbside is up we will also have weekly packets available for pickup with extra crafts and fun activities. So spread the word about Summer Reading! Don’t forget, you can still access all of our e-books and e-audiobooks with the Libby & Overdrive apps. All you need is your library card. If you can’t find it, please email me: lovemylibrary@live.com. If you don’t have a card yet, just head over to our website and fill out the online library card application and we will contact you with your card number.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at lovemylibrary@live.com. Much love from my house to yours.

~Alicia
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