

HOWARD MILLER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS SPRING, 2019

New at the Howard Miller Library:

Student Cards - Children living in the Howard Miller Public Library service area who do not currently have a standard library card with a co-signer are eligible to apply for a limited use, student card without a co-signer present. The child must be able to provide a full home address, their birthdate and phone number or email address. These cards only allow 3 print youth material checkouts. They have full access to Howard Miller Public Library's digital collection. They can be upgraded to a full-use card with all privileges given to standard card holders with a co-signer signature at any time.

VOX Books - We recently purchased a number of these unique books for our children's department. VOX books are children's books with a VOX reader permanently attached to the inside front cover of the book. All a child needs to do is press the button to listen to the story while following along in the book. The recordings are meant to capture the child's attention, making learning and reading fun. They are located on the "Featured Books" shelf in the children's department.

Digital Resources – We are continually adding new titles for all ages to the RBDigital and Libby/Overdrive apps. For additional titles, we are part of pilot program in which we are able to share digital resources with MCLS (Midwest Collaborative for Library Services). For more information and details on titles and downloading, please visit our web site at www.hmpl.org, or call [616-772-0874](tel:616-772-0874) and ask a librarian!

Nooks/Kindles – Nooks and Kindles are available for check out at the library! Instead of hauling a stack of books with you on vacation, check out one of these devices, which have over 50 various genre-specific titles already downloaded onto the device. They can be checked out for a 3-week period. Our web site has lists to see which titles have been downloaded. See www.hmpl.org.

Fun on the Run: Reading Rocks totes – In light of the new third grade reading law, Howard Miller Library has partnered with Zeeland Public schools to help students achieve reading success in a fun, new way. We are featuring "Fun on the Run: Reading Rocks" totes available for checkout. They are filled with age-appropriate books that go along with a theme and a family-style game that focuses on one or more literacy skills. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be checked out for three weeks at a time. Funded by the Ruisard Trust, they are intended to help families ensure their children have every opportunity to improve their reading skills while having fun!

The 2019 Summer Reading Program (Coming soon!)

This year, the Howard Miller Library's Summer Reading Program kicks off on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 10:00 am, with a performance by musician "BenJammin'." After the show, children ages birth to entering the 12th grade will be able to register for the program. There are a number of other events to register for on that day as well. Stay tuned! This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories." Our children's librarians have scheduled many fabulous events for kids of all ages during this 8-week time period. Be sure to look for the 2019 Summer Reading Events Calendar, or visit our web site at www.hmpl.org.