### Fall 2020

# Tecumseh District Library Shelf Life: Beyond The Stacks



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#### **Closing Dates**

**Labor Day** Monday September 7, <u>2020</u>

Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 26, 2020

#### **Hours**

M-Th 10-8 F-Sa 10-5 Su 1-5 (Oct-Apr)

### 2020 at TDL

What a year this has been! Despite the challenges, Tecumseh District Library has worked hard to provide services to our community. During late March, April and May, when the library building was closed by Executive Order, the library staff worked from home and encouraged patrons to use our digital resources, such as Overdrive/Libby, hoopla, Ancestry Library, AudioBookCloud, NewsBank and more. Our TDL Wi-Fi was boosted and the hours extended to make it easy to use from our parking lot.

Once we were able to work in the building again, we reopened for Lobby Pickup. Patrons were able to order items by phone, email or website and pick them up in our lobby, a contact free pickup. The book drop was reopened and returned items were quarantined.

In July, we moved to the next phase and were able to open for the public, with restrictions. Patrons were required to wear face masks, maintain a distance of 6 ft. apart, and limit their time in the library to item selection and check out. Computers (spaced 6 ft. apart) were available once again, as well as the Quiet Study Rooms.

In August, we were able to return to our standard summer hours and we also rejoiced at the return of MelCat, our inter-library loan system. We continue to offer notary service, copy and fax service, and outreach service to those who are homebound.

Our Summer Reading Programs looked a bit different this year, but they still took place. Children, tweens, and teens who registered were all mailed a free book to kick off their summer reading and prizes were mailed to those who completed and submitted their reading logs. We were delighted in the participation, and the children and teens enjoyed getting packages in the mail. A shout out to the Tecumseh Post Office for their kindness with the whole situation!

Our Book Club has been meeting outside under the trees for a delightful new experience.

TDL's programming has transitioned to virtual programming, with many of our programs on Facebook Live or Zoom. Librarian Chuck Harpst has been holding some events at the Tecumseh United Methodist Church pavilion and he hosted a wonderful kayaking event.

Teen Librarian Amanda Fields will offer study hall, a graphic novel book club, and game nights this fall on the TDL Teens Discord Server, an app that allows teens to create private chat rooms to talk with friends in real time.

Like everyone else, we're not sure exactly what the future holds, but we do know we will continue to do our best to serve the people of our community. We've received so much support and co-operation during this experience and feel grateful to be part of such a wonderful place.

## TDL Out Of Doors



### Teen Space

As you enter the library, you will see to your left a large hanging sign that says "Teens." This corner of the library is set aside to give the teens in our community their own space. By keeping this space reserved for teens, we're giving them the room to explore their own interests, discover new books, and hang out with friends. The Teen Space is home to Young Adult books, Young Adult Graphic Novels, and the Video Game collection. The books, comics, and video games in these collections are designed for teens in grades 7-12; of course there's nothing wrong with reading above or below a target age range! If you're looking for a place to start with Young Adult novels, try one of the new books on the rack by the front door.

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Since it's more difficult to hang out in person right now, the Teen Space moved online with the TDL Teens Discord server. Discord is an app that lets people create private chat rooms to talk with friends in real time. The TDL Teens Discord is available to teens in grades 7-12 and is monitored by the Teen Services Librarian, Miss Amanda, with the same code of conduct as the Teen Space in the library building. This is a way for teens to stay in touch with their friends even when they can't meet in person at

the library. The teen programs this fall, like the study hall, graphic novel book club, and game nights, are all held on Discord.

Have any comments or questions about the Teen Space? Let Miss Amanda know in person at the library (her office is across from the Quiet Study Rooms) or by email at afields@tecumsehlibrary.org.

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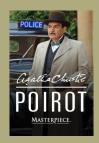




Due to recent purchases and a very generous donor, Tecumseh District Library has expanded its International Mystery Series Collection. It includes the most popular crime shows from Italy (Commissario Montalbano), Germany (Commissario Brunetti) and Great Britain (Midsummer Murders) among others.









#### Pop-up Library at the **Tecumseh Farmers Market**

Have you been to the Tecumseh Farmers Market lately? If so, you might have seen our new Pop-up Library. We're the stand with a bright green tablecloth and matching umbrella. The Pop-up Library is a way to bring our librarians out into the community, to meet new people, and to reconnect with our wonderful patrons. Every month we are giving away a new story bookmark designed by Carmen Curton, a local writer and professor at Adrian College. Her bookmarks are lovely works of art and contain an entire short story printed on the front and back. If you see our Pop-up Library while you're out and about, stop and say hi!





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### RAZZLE-DAZZLE!

News about the Children's and Tween Sections from Mrs. Reasoner, Children's Librarian

The Children's Summer Reading Program for 2020 took on a whole new look due to the Pandemic! Instead of ready access to library books, an enticing display case full of incentive samples, a creatively decorated prize room, and a window full of Finishers' names, we had to streamline our program to observe social distancing and less face-to-face interactions. Thankfully, our patron families were flexible in observing our new guidelines in finding books to read and list in special booklets. We are thrilled to

announce that 74 children finished their ten book "Imagine Your Story" themed goals. They received a certificate, ice cream gift cards, and fun activity sheets. Congratulations to the following Finishers:

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