



HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

APR-JUNE 2024

Throughout spring and summer, watch our Shakespeare Garden come to life, on the side of Hackley Library!



**WATCH
MUSK
EGON
READ**



**ALL AGES
2024 Summer
Reading Program
begins June 3!**

ADULT PROGRAMS

Some adult programs ask for registration. Find details on the online events calendar at hackleylibrary.org.

BOOKS ON TAP AT PIGEON HILL 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:00-7:00 PM

Join HPL and MADL staff for an evening book discussion each month over a beverage at Pigeon Hill Brewery. Find more details at hackleylibrary.org.



Left to Write

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 3:30-4:30 PM

Led by HPL librarian Amelia, participate in writing exercises, and meet other creative writers. Writers of all experiences are welcome! Remember to bring a pen and paper.

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 3:00-4:00 PM

Relax and enjoy a casual, monthly gathering with fellow seniors, during Senior Social Hours at Hackley Library. Registration preferred.

April: Eurythmy with Barbara Bresette-Mills
May: Theme TBD
June: BYOB (bring your own board game) or we will provide some, too.



ELDER ABUSE TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 5:30-6:30 PM



Our financial literacy series with Route 31 is back! Our presenter from AgeWell Services will cover signs of abuse/exploitation, scams, and other ways to make sure older adults stay safe. Registration preferred.

SEE THE OTHER SIDE WITH RICK WAID FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 5:30-7:30 PM

Explore the "other side" or perhaps connect with a lost loved one with Rick Waid, a renowned seer of the paranormal and metaphysical realms. Whether you are a believer or skeptic, this is sure to be an enlightening experience. Registration preferred.



GARDENING 101 MONDAY, APRIL 22, 5:30-6:30 PM



In this presentation, local grower Lynn will give you the "tools" you need to get started gardening this spring! Don't miss out on this Earth Day event! Registration preferred.

BIRDS OF PREY AT THE LIBRARY!

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 5:30-6:30 PM

It's an adults only event! (Ages 16+) Learn more about our ferocious feathered friends. Outdoor Discovery's birds of prey, including hawks, owls and falcons, will be used to share their life history and habitat. Hands-on artifacts will include skulls, feathers, pelts, and talons! Registration preferred.



HISTORICAL INSTRUMENTS WITH FRANK GALANTE THURSDAY, MAY 2, 6:00-7:00 PM

Delight in a night of multicultural music and history with Frank Galante. Be swept away to the Spanish Renaissance, to raw blues moments, to the melodies of the lute, and more. Registration preferred.



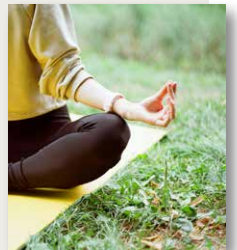
BEEKEEPING WITH KIM WOOD MONDAY, MAY 13, 5:00-6:00 PM

Enjoy the expertise of Kim Wood, a West Michigan based beekeeper, as she shares her honest and often humorous journey through her first full year as a beekeeper. Perfect for folks considering becoming a beekeeper or for "new-bees" in their first few years of honeybees, or if you are just curious what beekeeping involves! Registration required.



YOGA IN THE PARK WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 5:00-6:00 PM

Participate in a calming yoga class, and nourish both the body and the mind. Bring a yoga mat if you have one (a large beach towel will also work!). Led by Muskegon Yoga. Registration required.



THE MUSIC OF NEW ORLEANS & SWING WITH MATT BALL THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 6:30-7:30 PM


Fast-paced, upbeat, and fun for all ages, Matthew Ball aka The Boogie Woogie Kid performs plays timeless songs from the American Songbook that people know and love, like In the Mood, It Had to be You, Basin Street Blues, On the Sunny Side of the Street, and many more! Join us for this family program of music entertainment! Registration preferred.



CHECK OUR SPECIAL FEATURES PAGE FOR ALL AGES PROGRAMS!

HACKLEY PROGRAMS CALENDAR

A quick glance for all HPL programs and events.

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program departments: **A** = adult, **T** = teen, **Y** = youth, and **ALL** = all ages

APRIL

- Y-T** | **TAKE AND MAKES**
Available APRIL 1
- Y-T** | **CRAFTY SPRING BREAK**
1:00 PM, APRIL 1, 3, & 5
- Y-T** | **SPRING BREAK BOWLING AT SOCIBOWL**
APRIL 2-6
- Y** | **SPRING BREAK STORY TIME AT MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART**
5:15 PM, APRIL 4
- Y** | **STORY TIME**
10:30 AM Fridays
- Y** | **FOOD EXPLORERS!**
10:30 AM, APRIL 6
- Y** | **PAWS AND READ**
4:00 PM Select Mondays
- A** | **ELDER ABUSE**
5:30 PM, APRIL 9
- A** | **BOOKS ON TAP**
6:00 PM, APRIL 9
- A** | **LEFT TO WRITE (ONGOING)**
3:30 PM, APRIL 10
- Y** | **OLIVER JEFFERS STORY TIME AT MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART**
4:00 PM, APRIL 11
- Y** | **BROADWAY BABIES STORY TIME**
10:30 PM, APRIL 19
- A** | **SEE THE OTHER SIDE**
WITH RICK WAID
5:30 PM, APRIL 19
- Y-T** | **CELEBRATING POLLINATORS!**
2:00 PM, APRIL 20

APRIL

- T-A** | **SOIL AND SEEDS**
3:30 PM, APRIL 22
- A** | **GARDENING 101**
5:30 PM, APRIL 22
- A** | **BIRDS OF PREY AT THE LIBRARY!**
5:30 PM, APRIL 23
- A** | **SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR**
3:00 PM, APRIL 25

MAY

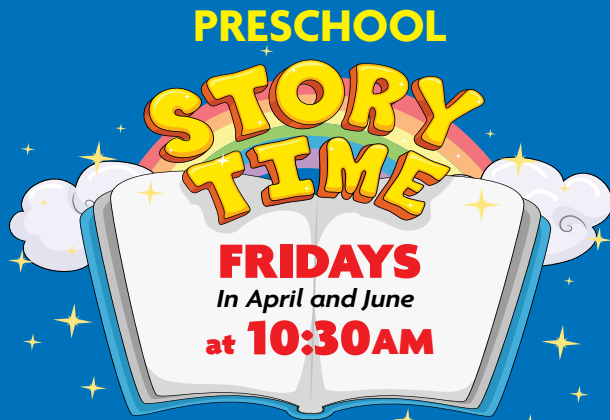
- ALL** | **HISTORICAL INSTRUMENTS**
WITH FRANK GALANTE
6:00 PM, MAY 2
- Y-T** | **STEAM 2024**
10:00 AM, MAY 4
- Y-T** | **TAKE AND MAKES**
Available MAY 6
- Y** | **PAWS AND READ**
4:00 PM Select Mondays
- A** | **LEFT TO WRITE (ONGOING)**
3:30 PM, MAY 8
- Y** | **JUNIOR PUZZLE COMPETITION**
2:00 PM, MAY 11
- A** | **BEEKEEPING**
WITH KIM WOOD
5:00 PM, MAY 13
- A** | **BOOKS ON TAP**
6:00 PM, MAY 14
- A** | **YOGA IN THE PARK**
5:00 PM, MAY 15

MAY

- Y** | **OLIVER JEFFERS STORY TIME AT MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART**
4:00 PM, MAY 16
- T** | **TEEN PROGRAM**
3:30 PM, MAY 20
- A** | **SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR**
3:00 PM, MAY 30

JUNE

- Y-T** | **TAKE AND MAKES**
Available JUNE 3
- Y** | **PAWS AND READ**
4:00 PM Select Mondays
- Y** | **STORY TIME**
10:30 AM Fridays
- A** | **BOOKS ON TAP**
6:00 PM, JUNE 11
- A** | **LEFT TO WRITE (ONGOING)**
3:30 PM, JUNE 12
- A** | **THE MUSIC OF NEW ORLEANS & SWING**
6:30 PM, JUNE 13
- Y** | **FOOD ADVENTURERS!**
2:00 PM, JUNE 15
- T** | **TEEN PROGRAM**
3:30 PM, JUNE 17
- Y-T** | **TEA BLENDING**
3:00 PM, JUNE 19
- Y-T** | **LEGO BUILD: THE COMPETITION**
2:00 PM, JUNE 22
- Y-T** | **DRAWING CLASS**
3:00 PM, JUNE 26
- A** | **SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR**
3:00 PM, JUNE 27



Intended for ages 0-5, our in-person storytime is designed to teach early literacy skills to parents and caregivers while children enjoy a fun, interactive atmosphere. We'll read stories, sing songs, and do movement activities! Please check our Facebook page for any cancellations.

APRIL TAKE AND MAKES

AVAILABLE MONDAY, APRIL 1

EARTH DAY TURTLES

Bring to life the Iroquois and Lenape creation myth of the earth being carried on the turtle's back and celebrate Earth Day with this adorable Earth Day turtle. Craft kits will be available on April 1 and through the end of month while supplies last.



CICADAS, CICADAS, CICADAS!!!!

This spring, two different broods of cicadas — one that lives on a 13-year cycle and the other that lives on a 17-year cycle — will emerge at the same time from underground in a rare, synchronized event that last occurred in 1803. Revisit our delightful spoon and clothespin cicada. It

will look fantastic on your bag or jacket when our friends show up starting in April!

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CRAFTY SPRING BREAK

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 3, & 5, 1:00-4:00 PM
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

Planning a staycation for Spring Break 2024? Drop into the library on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday and see what special crafts we have available. Tuesday and Thursday you can join us all day to color, do an activity sheet, build with Lego, or play a game with a friend! Check Facebook closer to the date to get more information about these special crafting days!

SPRING BREAK BOWLING

AT SOCIBOWL

APRIL 2-6

Looking for a fun family activity this Spring Break? The library has a limited amount of free passes to Socibowl! Hackley card holders can pick up a pass for a free hour of bowling any time between April 2 & 6. These passes are available first-come, first served. Call for more information. 231-722-8014.

SPRING BREAK STORY TIME AT MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 5:15 PM

Don't sleep on this story time! We're cozying up in our pj's at the Muskegon Museum of Art. We'll read some not-so-quiet bedtime stories and have fun exploring the museum.

FOOD EXPLORERS! SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 10:30 AM

Embark on a delightful culinary adventure with your little ones in this 30-minute class designed for 0-4 year olds and their parents at the library. Hosted by a Culinary and Family Registered Dietitian, Jessi Holden, explore vibrant fruits and vegetables, engage in sensory taste tests, and enjoy hands-on cooking activities that foster a lifelong love for diverse flavors and healthy eating habits.

PAWS AND READ WITH BREEZY & DOLLY

MONDAYS, APRIL 8 & 22, MAY 6 & 17, JUNE 3 & 17, 4:00-5:00 PM

We have two four-legged reading helpers in Youth Services!! Practice and strengthen literacy skills by reading out loud to our friendly therapy dogs who are calm, non judgmental listeners. They're excited to hear all the stories – and receive *all* the belly rubs. Please call 231-722-8014 to register for a 20 minute time slot. Ages 3-12.



OLIVER JEFFERS STORY TIMES AT MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART

THURSDAYS, APRIL 11 & MAY 16, 4:00 PM

Join us for a story time series at the Muskegon Museum of Art. They are celebrating author and illustrator Oliver Jeffers with a special exhibit of his books and artwork. Ms. Lydia and Ms. Melissa will lead you through reading his books in front of the original artwork. Movement activities and songs will be included as well!

BROADWAY BABIES STORY TIME

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 10:30 AM

This lively story time will be all about singing, dancing, and fun with our special host Jacqui from Broadway Babies! Pre-registration is required. Open to ages 0-4.

CELEBRATING POLLINATORS!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2:00-3:30 PM

Let's celebrate Earth Day by supporting our pollinators! Learn about pollinators and how important they are to our planet, do a craft, learn about the pollination process hands on, and build the Lego We Do bee pollinator! Ages 3-17.



JUNE TAKE AND MAKES

AVAILABLE MONDAY, JUNE 3

SUMMER READING 2024 - ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY! CHART YOUR ADVENTURES!

To kick off Summer Reading 2024 we will be making adventure trees. Keep track of all of your summer adventures, inside and outside of books, on your very own adventure tree!

MAP YOUR ADVENTURES!

Where will your map lead you this summer? To Hackley Public Library to pick up a treasure map take and make. This adorable muslin map will lead to all sorts of fun in the warm summer months.



MAY TAKE AND MAKES

AVAILABLE MONDAY, MAY 6

MAKE YOUR OWN PUZZLE

May IS mystery month so let's celebrate by creating our very own puzzle! This craft is available while supplies last.

THE PYRAMID ESCAPE ROOM

Embark on a thrilling adventure in The Pyramid, an escape room experience that transports all ages to ancient Egypt. Dive into the heart of The Pyramid of the Four Kings, where hidden canopic jars, concealed sarcophagi, and intricate mazes await. Explore ten diary pages and an engaging online platform as you unravel the mysteries of Maat's tomb. Get ready for an unforgettable journey through time!

FOOD ADVENTURERS!

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2:00 PM

Let's go on a flavorful expedition with your 5-8 year olds in this upcoming class! Jessi Holden, local Culinary and Family Registered Dietitian, will lead hands-on exploration of exotic fruits and veggies and following a recipe for crafting imaginative snacks. Your adventurers will discover the exciting world of taste, flavor, and culinary creativity. Ages 5-8.

TEEN PROGRAM

**MONDAY, JUNE 17,
3:30 - 4:30 PM**

Check out our Facebook page to get more information about our Teen program in June.

STEAM 2024

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

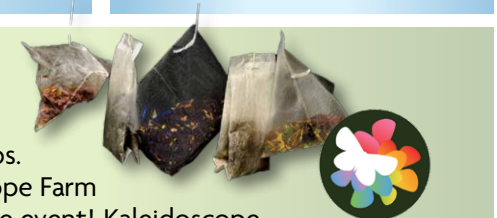
Take an adventure around downtown Muskegon on Saturday, May 4, from 10am - 3pm to participate in STEAM activities and collect passport stamps for prizes! Ages 5-17.



TEA BLENDING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 3:00 PM

Beneficial, chemical-free locally grown herbs. Create your own tea blend with Kaleidoscope Farm and take it home and try samples during the event! Kaleidoscope farm grows flowers and herbs in Muskegon for use in tea blends and other self-care products. Learn more and make your own! Youth, all ages.



JUNIOR PUZZLE COMPETITION

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2:00 PM

Put your puzzling skills to the test and see if your team can put together a puzzle the fastest in 30 minutes. There will be three skill levels of competition: a 60 piece puzzle (ages 6-7), a 100 piece puzzle (ages 7-8), and a 200 piece puzzle (ages 8-10). Call to register a team of up to 4 or for questions on which competition to sign up for. This is intended for youth participants with minimal adult assistance. Prizes for the winning teams!



LEGO BUILD: THE COMPETITION

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2:00 PM

This isn't your average Lego Build Day--this is a competition to see which team can put their Lego kit together the fastest. Call 231-722-8013 to register a team of up to 4. This is intended for youth participants with minimal adult assistance and participants must be at least 7 years old. Youth, age 7 and up.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS DRAWING CLASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 3:00-4:00 PM

Corinne Roberts is back to show us how to draw reptiles and amphibians! This class is paced for all ages to learn how to draw or sharpen developing skills. This program is open to the first 60 people and will start promptly at 3:00. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Ages 6-17.

Did you know Hackley Library's Local History & Genealogy Department maintains a large collection of historical photographs?

Organized by subject, the Muskegon Picture Collection includes local scenes and individuals dating from the lumber era through the 20th Century. As a supplement to textual sources, historical photographs offer a unique perspective, enabling researchers to view the past firsthand. The scenes represented in this collection bring life to the historical events, people, and places of our region. Historical narratives



may leave out small details, but photographs represent the past exactly as it occurred - fostering deeper connections to our shared history. Stop in to the Local History & Genealogy Department, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM and ask about the Muskegon Picture Collection!

Historical photographs, like this holiday scene from Western Avenue in the 1950s, offer a wealth of details for local history researchers.



Enjoy monthly programs through the Muskegon County Genealogical Society, right here at Hackley Library! Find more details at hackleylibrary.org from the online events calendar.

APRIL - "FROM PHOTO ALBUMS AND SCANS TO FAMILY STORIES"

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 10:30 AM

Speaker: Laura Hedgecock

MAY - TOPIC AND PRESENTER TBD

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 10:30 AM

Speaker : TBD

JUNE - "RESEARCHING ON LOCATION"

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 10:30 AM

Speaker: Judy Nimer Muhn

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All Ages AND Special Interest Programming

AUTHOR VISIT: ANGELINE BOULLEY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 6:00-7:00 PM

Join the conversation and meet the Great Michigan Read author of Firekeeper's Daughter. This Young Adult author's visit will be happening at Orchard View High School. Made possible by several community partners, including but not limited to MADL, White Lake Library, and the Lakeshore Museum. Free.



SOIL AND SEEDS

TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME!

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 3:30-4:30 PM

HPL and Kaleidoscope Farm are partnering for a special program to celebrate Earth Day. Come and make a soda bottle trench planter to take home and care for, then stay for our Gardening 101 program at 5:30 (see Adult programs).



KALEIDOSCOPE FARM

“KNOT” ON MY WATCH AN INTERGENERATIONAL FIBER ARTS GROUP

3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 3:00-4:00 PM

Get knotty with other crafters who like to knit, crochet, macrame, sew, felt, embroider... bring your projects (or learn something new) and let's hang out together! A small supply of yarn, macrame cord, and embroidery floss will be provided with limited instruction. This drop-in, no strings attached fiber arts group is open to anyone ages 5 – 105+. Free.

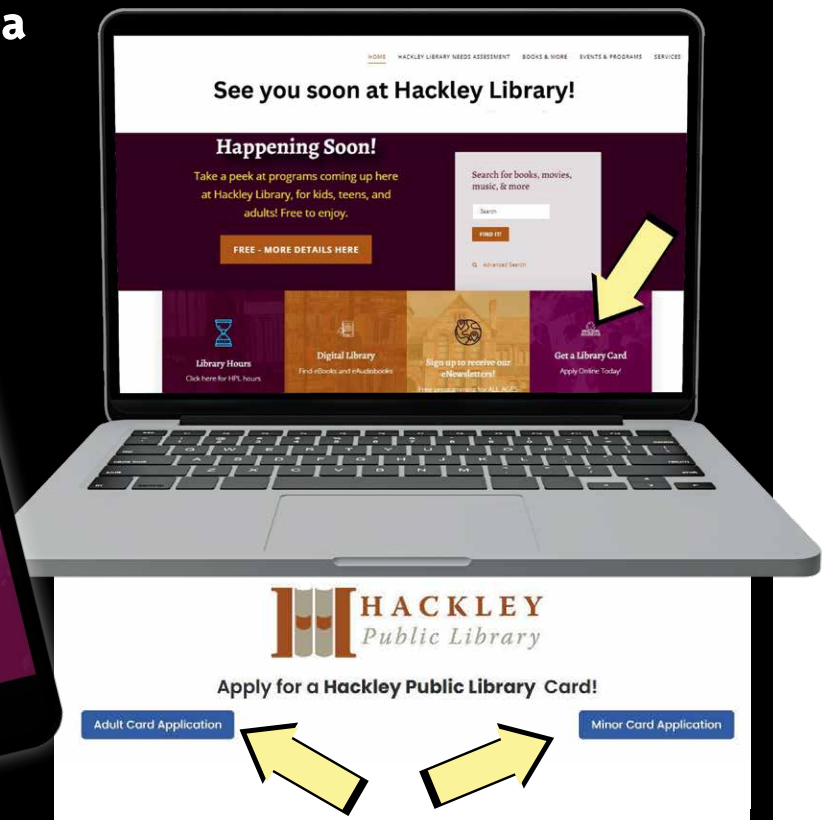
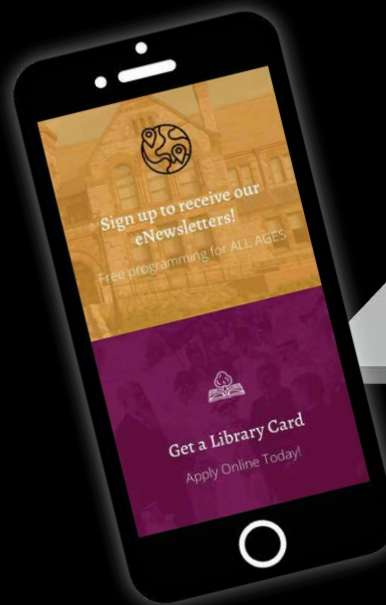


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to come at
hackleylibrary.org.

Library cards are FREE! Did you know? If you live within Hackley Library's service district, you can now sign up to get a Hackley Library card online!

- Go to hackleylibrary.org.
- On the main homepage, scroll down and click the box that says “Get a Library Card.”
- Choose either an adult or minor card (under 18 years old).
- Fill out the form to apply!



Have questions? Give us a call! 231-722-8000



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MAIN LIBRARY HOURS

**Hours are subject to change*

MONDAY - TUESDAY: 9 AM - 7 PM
WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY: 9 AM - 5 PM
TORRENT HOUSE: TUES-SAT: 10-5PM

ADULT HACKLEY CRAFTS

All adult Hackley Crafts require registration, and will open one month before each program date.

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING CRAFTS IN THE SPRING!



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I am excited to share some updates about our recent community needs assessment. Your participation was invaluable, and we want to express our gratitude for sharing your thoughts and insights.

Preliminary findings from the assessment reveal a strong desire within our community for several critical services and features. Your input has illuminated areas where we can enhance and better tailor our offerings to meet your needs. The top priorities identified include:

Library of Things: Respondents expressed a keen interest in expanding our collection to include a "Library of Things," providing access to various non-traditional items.

Coffee Corner: Many of you highlighted the desire for a coffee space within the library, emphasizing its potential to become a warm and inviting hub for socializing and relaxation.

Creator Spaces: There is a strong demand for dedicated spaces that support creativity and innovation, where community members can engage in various hands-on projects and collaborative endeavors.

As we delve deeper into the comprehensive report and review the recommendations, we look forward to gaining a more nuanced understanding of the preferences and aspirations shared with us. The next

phase involves setting strategic goals based on the insights gained from the assessment. I am pleased to share that we will continue collaborating with the consulting team from Fishbeck, which facilitated the initial study. Their expertise will be instrumental in guiding us toward actionable and meaningful objectives.

Your opinions remain crucial to our decision-making process. We will soon be reaching out for additional feedback and insights to ensure that our goals align closely with the aspirations of our community. Your thoughts and perspectives will be instrumental in shaping the future direction of our library and the Torrent House.

Thank you for your invaluable contributions. We are committed to providing a library that reflects the needs and desires of our community.



Joe Zappacosta
Director,
Hackley Public Library



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