



Morrill Public Library

IS ESSENTIAL

Dear Hiawatha Friends,

It has been a pleasure to serve you and the Hiawatha community for the past two years as the Director at the Morrill Public Library. I am so proud of the vibrant, wonderful space and resources we provide for you and your family. I believe the Hiawatha library is an essential part of our community.

As we move into budget season, I am asking the city commission on Monday, March 14 to move our employee benefits to a designated fund within the city's budget, just like the city has for its departments. While Morrill Public Library is not technically a city department, the city does collect taxes on our behalf, which makes us a city entity. While many other Kansas libraries receive 73-93% of their revenue from their city, Hiawatha's library receives 53% of our budget from the city. We would like to make an accounting change and add \$3,600 to the benefits budget for health insurance for full time employees (again, like Hiawatha provides its city employees).

I hope you will support our community's library as we make this request. It is a small amount of funding that will help us be on par with city employees.

Would you do me a favor? Could you send an email or make a phone call to the city commissioners in support of the library? I think they need to know how important the library is to Hiawatha. We work so hard to make this a wonderful space for learning. Our preschool Discovery class that teaches kindergarten readiness skills is a great example. Can you imagine Hiawatha without this program?

You will find city email addresses and the phone number for City Hall below. We are asking you to let the commissioners know that the Morrill Public Library is essential and important to our community.

- City Hall: (785) 742-7417 and office@cityofhiawatha.org
- Mayor Bill Collins: mayor@cityofhiawatha.org
- Brian Shefferd: utilitiescomm@cityofhiawatha.org
- Becky Shamburg: streetscomm@cityofhiawatha.org
- Evans Woehlecke: policecomm@cityofhiawatha.org
- David Middendorf: financecomm@cityofhiawatha.org
- City Clerk: cityclerk@cityofhiawatha.org
- Mike Nichols: cityadministrator@cityofhiawatha.org

Thank you in advance. I appreciate your support of these treasured community resources. Feel free to pass this message along to other people who love the library, too.

Thank you,

Erin Verbick

MARCH 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS: M/T 9A-8P | F 9A-5P | SAT 10A-4P | SUN 1P-4P

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9:30a - Discovery 2p - Quilters Club 3:45p - TACOS 6p - Writing Club	2	3 10:30a - Preschool Storytime 3:45 - ASIC	4	5
6	7 10:30a - Toddler Storytime 6p - Knitting Club	8 9:30a - Discovery	9 9:30a - Wed. Book Club	10 10:30a - Preschool Storytime 3:45 - ASIC	11 STORYWALK® BEGINS	12
13	14 10:30a - Toddler Storytime 6p - Knitting Club	15 9:30a - Discovery 2p - Quilters Club 6p - Writing Club	16 CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING	17 10:30a - Preschool Storytime 3:45 - ASIC	18	19
20	21 6p - Mon. Book Club	22 9:30a - Discovery	23 4p - Trustees Meeting	24 10:30a - Preschool Storytime 3:45 - ASIC	25	26
27	28 10:30a - Toddler Storytime 5p - Volunteer Meeting 6p - Knitting Club	29 9:30a - Discovery 6p - True Crime Book Club	30	31		

ADULTS & ALL AGES

StoryWalk® - Egg-napped - Read the book and find the egg you decorated at the 23 stops in our downtown area! Begins on March 11 and ends on March 31. If you complete the Beanstack challenge, come to the library to pick up a prize.

<https://beanstack.hiawathalibrary.org>

Volunteer Meeting - March 28 at 5p. Members of the community interested in volunteering at the library can attend a volunteer informational meeting.

Writing Club - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6p. Space for creative writers to workshop their pieces with others. For ages 16 and up.

Wednesday Morning Book Club – 2nd Wednesday at 9:30a. The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff.

Monday Evening Book Club – 3rd Monday at 6p. Things in Jars by Jess Kidd.

True Crime Book Club - Last Tuesday at 6p. Inside the Mind of BTK by John Douglas and Johnny Dodd.

Knitting Club - Mondays at 6p. This group meets in the library's study room on the top floor. New and experienced knitters are welcome!

Quilters Club - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 2p. The quilters meet in the large meeting room downstairs. Anyone is welcome to attend!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

T.A.C.O.S. on Tuesdays - Teen Advisory Council of Students will meet in the small meeting room. 1st Tuesdays at 3:45p. 5th-12th graders welcome. High school students can earn volunteer hours for this new service club.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

After School Is Cool (ASIC) – Thursdays at 3:45p when school is in session. 1st -4th graders are welcome to do fun activities with Kelly.

PRESCHOOL

Toddler Storytime – Mondays at 10:30a. Stories, music, and fun with Traci.

Preschool Storytime – Thursdays at 10:30a. Stories and crafts with Elizabeth.