

**A Message from the President of the Board of Trustees:**

On behalf of the Haverford Township Free Library, I would like to give a big shout out to the library's employees. To us, they, indeed the library itself, are an essential part of our community.

In normal times—remember them?—libraries are where people come to gather—to obtain books or DVDs, use public computers, read magazines and newspapers; do research, hear authors, bring their children for story hour, attend a book club, or participate in cooking classes, or learn and play chess. It is a gathering place of youngsters, teenagers, young adults, adults and senior citizens. All are welcomed.

Under the leadership of our director Sukrit Goswami, the library and our very essential staff, has managed to offer many of these services, though the library itself is physically closed by using the internet, Facebook, YouTube, Zoom—technology that a decade ago was not in common use.

For example, the Youth Services Department is currently hosting 24 programs per week which includes live and prerecorded story times, book chats, art, STEM, and gaming.

Our research staff has created virtual content which aims to educate and inform our patrons with programs such as Covid Check-In and Tech Time with Katherine. We have a Reading with Reference Program, Mindfulness Mondays; a story hour for adults, Zentangle for Beginners, Family Craft Nights and Quarantine Coffeehouse. One of our most popular programs, Kick 'in Cooking in Quarantine, actually has its own Facebook page, in which patrons can connect online, share recipes and find end runs around ingredient shortages.

Just as importantly, our staff has been using their time at home to hone their library skills —learning about the multitude of our databases and taking tutorials and professional development classes on webinars. When they return, they will be even better able to serve you.

Thanks to Sukrit's initiative we were able to secure a loan from the Small Business Association that allows us to avoid furloughs and layoffs and avoid family disruption and hardship while at the same time giving us the opportunity to serve you in different ways.

Make no mistake about it, we miss seeing you in person. But the silver lining in our forced shut down is that we have become more adroit in using the internet and offering services online. That will not go away when we reopen no more than our services went away since we have been closed.

We are eager to welcome you back whenever we receive the go ahead from the Commonwealth. In the meantime, the staff is busily preparing for that time. Our staff will be trained for the proper dos and don'ts; we will have thermometers on hand as well as plenty of masks, sneeze guards and face shields. Whatever it takes to protect the health and safety of our patrons.

In the meantime, we thank you —our patrons--for your patience and thank our employees for their commitment. Believing public libraries are essential to a well-functioning democracy and a vibrant community, we look forward to the day we can reunite with the Haverford Township community.

Sincerely,

**Phil Goldsmith**  
**President of the Board of the Haverford Township Free Library**

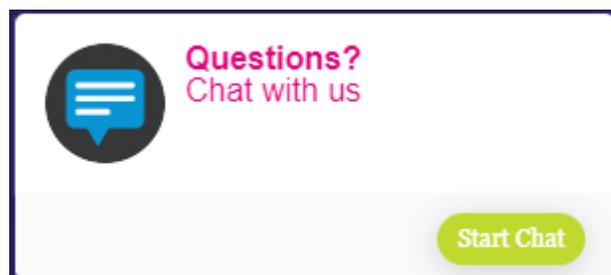
## Reference Services

### Reference Phone Hours and Chat Services!

Monday-Friday - 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Reference Librarians are here to help you with your reference questions, technology issues and more!

Recently added is our chat feature. [Go to our website](#) and you will see a chat pop-up where you can ask your question and get the help you need.



## Virtual Programming

### Virtual Programming on Facebook and YouTube

Library programming and virtual service



videos will be on Facebook and YouTube. You can watch many programs on Facebook live, but you can also view them as videos anytime!

Please "like" the Library's Facebook page to get updates about our programs and services. Click [here](#) to access the Library's Facebook page (You don't have to have a Facebook account).

Don't do Facebook? No problem! Subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#) and access our videos any time.

If you need help setting up a Facebook Account or accessing YouTube, HTFL Reference Librarians are here to help! Call the Library between 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

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## **Memorial Day - Monday, May 25** **No virtual programs, no Reference Desk phone or chat**

In observance of Memorial Day, the Library will not host virtual programs or staff our Reference phone and online chat.

Happy Memorial Day!



## **Adult Virtual Program Spotlight**

### [Virtual Scavenger Hunt](#)

**Saturday, May 16 -- 10:00 am - 10:00 pm**

For 12 hours on Saturday, you have the chance to answer questions about videos produced by the Reference Department. Delve into our archive of videos on Facebook or our YouTube channel to answer questions and compete for a prize!

### [Scams During Covid-19: Protect Yourself!](#) (pre-recorded)

**Wednesday, May 20 -- 11:00 am**

Many of us are so used to the phone ringing with an unfamiliar number that we barely even notice it anymore. But for those who do pick up the phone, there's a good chance that the person (or robot) on the other end doesn't just want to chat. Join Reference Librarian Katherine Adriaanse as she details some of the more common types and tactics of phone scams and offers tips and tricks for how to avoid falling for them.

### [Herb Corner with Jen and Mary](#) (pre-recorded)

**Wednesday, May 27 -- 3:00 pm**

Join Reference Librarians Jennifer Kuhns and Mary Bear Shannon as they discuss herbs, their uses to promote well being, creating tasty dishes in the kitchen, and tips for growing your own herb garden!

### [Resources for Mindfulness](#) (pre-recorded)

**Friday, May 29 -- 3 pm**

Reference Librarian Kim Christopher gives us his recommendations for online resources that can help alleviate stress you may be feeling over being indoors much of the time, resources that can help relax the body and relieve feelings of anxiety. He will discuss helpful guides and videos of exercises consisting of: mindfulness, yoga, meditation, breathing techniques, and other healthy exercises you can do on your own.



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## Adult Virtual Calendar

### Saturday, May 16

10:00 am - 10:00 pm - [Virtual Scavenger Hunt](#)

### Monday, May 18

1:00 pm - [Mindfulness Monday](#)  
(pre-recorded)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)

5:00 pm - [Kick'in Cooking in Quarantine](#)  
(live)

7:00 pm - [Virtual Hooked on History Book Group](#) (Zoom)

### Tuesday, May 19

3:00 pm - [Tech Time with Katherine](#)  
(pre-recorded)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)

7:00 pm - [Virtual Books on Tap](#) (Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 20

11:00 am - [Scams during Covid-19: Protect Yourself!](#) (pre-recorded)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)

5:00 pm - [Wine and Words Wednesday](#)  
(live)

### Thursday, May 21

2:00 pm - [Covid Check-in](#) (Zoom)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)

### Friday, May 22

10:30 am - [Virtual Tea and Stitch](#) (Zoom)

12:30 pm - [Quarantine Coffeehouse](#)  
(live & Zoom)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)

### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day - No Virtual Programs

### Tuesday, May 26

3:00 pm - [Tech Time with Katherine](#)  
(pre-recorded)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)

### Wednesday, May 27

3:00 pm - [Herb Corner with Jen and Mary](#)  
(pre-recorded)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)

5:00 pm - [Wine and Words Wednesday](#)  
(live)

7:00 pm - [Virtual Non-Fiction Book Group](#)  
(Zoom)

### Thursday, May 28

2:00 pm - [Covid Check-in](#) (Zoom)

3:00 pm - [Troubleshooting EReaders](#) (pre-recorded)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)

### Friday, May 29

10:30 am - [Virtual Tea and Stitch](#) (Zoom)

12:30 pm - [Quarantine Coffeehouse](#)  
(live & Zoom)

3:00 pm - [Resources for Mindfulness](#) (pre-recorded)

4:00 pm - [Reading with Reference](#)  
(pre-recorded)



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## Kids Virtual Program Spotlight

[Live YSD Book Chat](#) (Live on Instagram)

**Thursdays at 6:30 pm**

Join the staff of the Youth Services Department for a live book chat



on Instagram! Each week we will share books we are reading and books we are looking forward to.

### [Virtual PAWS for Reading](#) (pre-recorded)

**Wednesday, May 20 -- 7:00 pm**

Join Ms. Emily as she reads some dog-themed stories to her dogs in lieu of our monthly PAWS for Reading program.

### [Animal Crossing Club](#)

**Saturdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Come hang out with other library friends, visit the Stop N' Swap, and more at the virtual library. Bring items to swap with others, and share your item codes to have your art featured in the Art

Corner! The day's Dodo Code will be posted on Instagram and Facebook at 1:50. This is an all ages event, so please keep all interactions family friendly. You can stop by the Bulletin Board in game for more information. See you Saturday!



## Kids Virtual Calendar

### Saturday, May 16

10:30 am - [Saturday Morning Stories](#) (live)

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - [Animal Crossing Club](#) (live)

8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

### Sunday, May 17

8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

### Monday, May 18

10:15 am - [Movers and Shakers](#) Storytime (live)

12:00 pm - [Art Corner with Jules](#) (pre-recorded)

2:00 pm - [Database Reviews with Gio](#) (pre-recorded)

6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)

8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

### Tuesday, May 19

10:15 am - [Circle Time](#) (live)

12:00 pm - [Bookmarked Book Club](#) (pre-recorded)

2:00 pm - [Fun Factor Math Games](#) (pre-recorded)

6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)

7:00 pm - [Pajama Storytime](#) (pre-recorded)

### Wednesday, May 20

10:15 am - [Books and Babies Storytime](#) (pre-recorded)

### Sunday, May 24

8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day - No Virtual Programs)

### Tuesday, May 26

10:15 am - [Circle Time](#) (live)

2:00 pm - [Fun Factor Math Games](#) (pre-recorded)

6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)

7:00 pm - [Pajama Storytime](#) (pre-recorded)

### Wednesday, May 27

10:15 am - [Books and Babies Storytime](#) (pre-recorded)

12:00 pm - [Bookmarked Book Club](#) (pre-recorded)

6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)

8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

### Thursday, May 28

10:15 am - [Circle Time](#) (live on Instagram and then shared to Facebook)

2:00 pm - [STEM Thursdays](#) (pre-recorded)

6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)

6:00 pm - [YSD Book Chat](#) (Live on Instagram)

8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

### Friday, May 29

2:00 pm - [Early Chapter Book Read a Long](#) (pre-recorded)

6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)

1:00 pm - [Bookmarked Book Club](#) (pre-recorded)  
6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)  
7:00 pm - [Virtual PAWS for Reading](#) (pre-recorded)  
8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

#### Thursday, May 21

10:15 am - [Circle Time](#) (live on Instagram and then shared to Facebook)  
2:00 pm - [STEM Thursdays](#) (pre-recorded)  
6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)  
6:00 pm - [YSD Book Chat](#) ([Live on Instagram](#))  
8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

#### Friday, May 22

2:00 pm - [Early Chapter Book Read a Long](#) (pre-recorded)  
6:00 pm - [YSD Book Talks](#) (pre-recorded)  
8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

#### Saturday, May 23

10:30 am - [Saturday Morning Stories](#) (live)  
2:00 - 4:00 pm - [Animal Crossing Club](#) (live)  
8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)

8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)  
**Saturday, May 30**  
10:30 am - [Saturday Morning Stories](#) (live)  
2:00 - 4:00 pm - [Animal Crossing Club](#) (live)  
8:00 pm - [Evening Stretch](#) (pre-recorded)



## Important Information on Voting in PA



**June 2 is the NEW date for Pennsylvania's Primary. Also, a [new mail-in ballot option](#) is available to ALL Pennsylvania voters.**

ALL Pennsylvania voters now have the option to [vote by mail](#) for any reason or no reason at all. You can [apply for a mail-in ballot](#) or a traditional absentee ballot online, by mail, or in person, until one week before the election. For help or to receive a paper application by mail, please call 1-877-VOTESPA.

You can also sign up to become a permanent mail-in or absentee ballot voter and automatically receive ballots by mail for the rest of the year.

For the 2020 primary, your application must be received online or by your county election office by 5 pm Tuesday, May 26. Applying online is easy, quick and secure. If you provide your email address, you will receive notifications about your application and ballot status.

Once you receive your ballot in the mail, you have until 8 pm on election day, June 2, to deliver your completed ballot to your county election office. If you are mailing it, do so as early as you can to ensure it arrives on time.

Voters who have already requested a mail-in or absentee ballot will receive a ballot for the rescheduled primary. There is no need to apply again if your address remains the same. If your address has changed since you applied, please contact your county election office to provide your updated address.

Other deadlines:

Other important [election-related deadlines](#) have also changed. The new deadline to update your voter registration is Monday, May 18. Please visit [www.register.votespa.com](http://www.register.votespa.com) to update your registration today.

## Important Dates:

June 2 – PA Primary Election

May 18 – Deadline to update your voter registration information

May 26 – Deadline to request a mail ballot

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