

# Newsletter January

# COMING SOON: MyPC

On Monday, January 11, the Library will begin using MyPC, a “time management” software that also allows users to view computer availability and make online reservations via a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Patrons may reserve a computer for as long as two hours. Patrons are not, of course, required to reserve a computer in advance - everyone is still welcome to walk in and use any computer that is available.

What this change *will* mean is that users will need to log in with their library card and PIN. This would be a good time to make sure your card is still active and that you know your PIN. If you are certain that you have lost your card, we will be happy to replace it for you.

One upside/downside to the software is that it does detect inactivity - so if the user walks away and does not come back, the computer will logoff and make itself available to another patron. The downside to this is that if you are watching a video that lasts longer than, say, five minutes, the computer may think you are "inactive." The simple way around this is to occasionally move the mouse.

This may seem like a lot of excess information - but we just want everyone to have a “heads-up.”



## MORE FANCY CHANGES

## Receipt printing!

We are upgrading our checkout process to include receipt printing.

You will receive a paper printout of the items you borrow that indicates their due date. We will stop marking the due date on items unless you specifically ask for it.





# Friends of the Library



The Friends of the La Valle Public Library are a fantastic group of people.

They put in volunteer hours at the library, coordinate the entry in the village parade, run movie night, our Halloween event, arrange for Santa to visit, and take charge in the occasional fundraiser.

Those fundraisers? The Friends use the money to make cool purchases for the Library that the Library would

not otherwise be able to make. They use the money to pay for the new release movies shown on movie night and techy things like Kindles and Nooks. They make sure the kids have crayons for crafts and they hand out free books on Halloween and during the parade.

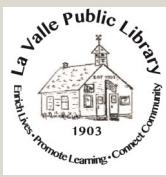
The Friends are a vital part of the Library's existence, as they form much of the Library's support group.

You can help keep things moving

forward by becoming a member of the Friends of the La Valle Public Library.

What is expected of you? You can help out any way you like. Some members volunteer once a week in the Library, others help out during our book and bake sale. Some do a little bit of everything.

To learn more, stop in for a brochure or come to a meeting.



## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

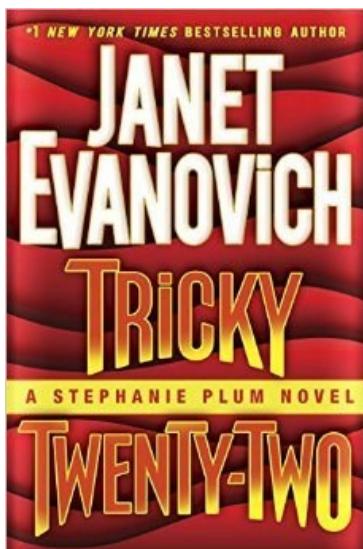
The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your little one starts kindergarten.

Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just one book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around five years of age, you have more time than you think!

The key is perseverance. Make it exciting. When your child reaches a milestone, give him/her a small reward—we can help with that—we offer log sheets and stickers, we can stamp their hand, take their picture, we may even come up with some little gifts!

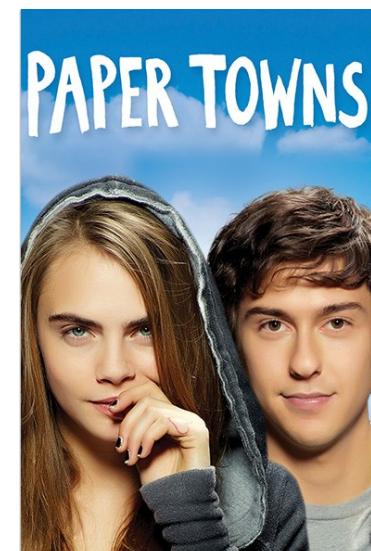
Come in soon and pick up a starter packet!

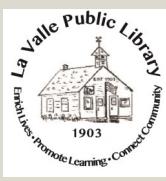
## NEW RELEASES AND ILL



New movies, music, and books are released every month. There is high demand for the most popular titles so if you don't already, you might want to begin taking advantage of inter-library loan. All of the libraries in the South Central Library System share their collections with each other.

In addition to getting your name on the waiting list for new releases, you may order items we do not own and they will be sent to our Library for you to pick up. We will give you a call, text, or email when it arrives.





## PROGRAMMING AT THE LIBRARY

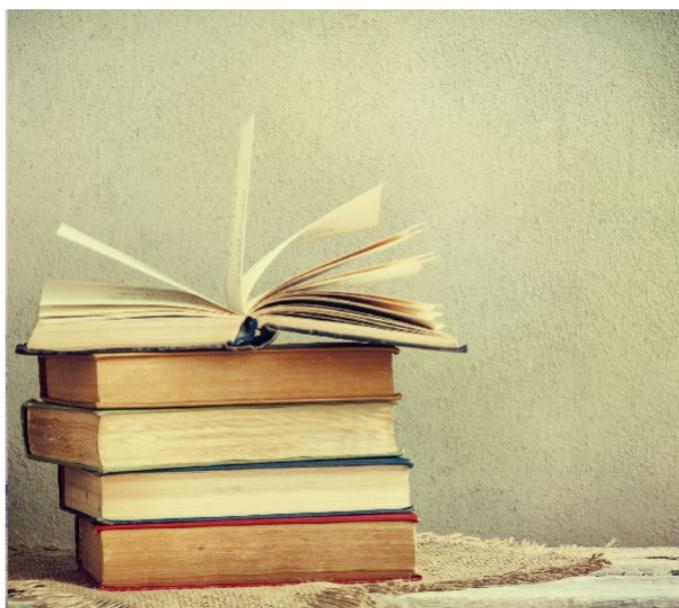
Every year we offer many programs for patrons of all ages, from Story Time for the little ones, to a look at aging and the brain. We have had computer classes and speakers on the history of the area, cooking demonstrations and seed starting classes.

You are encouraged to attend programming at the library - not because it is good for us, but because it is good for you.

Every educational and social activity you take part in strengthens your health both cognitively and physically. A good diet of Life Long Learning is as important as the food you eat.

Watch for upcoming programs this winter that will include food for your brain as well as your body. Remember, it's winter and you need to get out.

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



As the New Year arrives, many of us are making resolutions. Mine is to take time to thank the people who make this such a great job.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time to the Library, and to all those folks who have made financial donations - large or small.

The Village Board needs to be thanked for keeping in mind that the Library is a vital part of the health of the community.

The members of the Library Board work hard to keep the Library where it needs to be to serve our community.

Most of all, I would like to thank everyone of you in our Library community and wish everyone a happy and productive New Year.