

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD

Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park



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This newsletter is a service to the residents of the Town of Highland Park to keep you informed of new services, events, activities, and other important information. If there is anything you would like to see covered in the newsletter, please let us know. Contact Holly Russell, Management Assistant at hRussell@hptx.org, or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



Watch Your Water!

This is the time of year when many of us irrigate our landscaping more often because temperatures remain high and little rain has been in the forecast. As such, you may notice an increase in your utility bill for increased water consumption. If you would like to keep an eye on your water usage, you can always sign up for the Town's WaterSmart notification system. Learn about WaterSmart here:

<https://www.hptx.org/830/WaterSmart>

Hourly meter reading data will allow you to see how much water you use when you do common activities like showering, laundry or watering your landscape. The billing tab of the WaterSmart Portal also provides a High Bill Explainer customized to your current circumstances that can provide you further information.

If you have questions regarding your utility bill, feel free to call our customer service department during normal business hours at 214-521-4161.

New Pool Schedule to Start Soon

Beginning Tuesday, August 16, the HP Swimming Pool goes to Extended Season hours!

Lap Swim is Tuesday - Sunday,
7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Open Swim is Saturday and Sunday only,
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Help Your Students Rock This School Year!

The Highland Park Library has physical and digital homework help resources for students of all ages. Find the books you need to help supplement learning skills and complex concepts. Access online databases and reference materials 24 hours, 7 days a week with your HP Library card number and PIN, <https://www.hptx.org/864/Homework-Help>. Example online homework help resources include:

- **HelpNow** - Students in kindergarten through introductory college can receive assistance from live, online tutors using an interactive, virtual whiteboard to chat, write, draw, and copy/paste. Tutors are available online Monday through Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- **Opposing Viewpoints In Context** - A rich resource for debaters and general researchers, which includes pro/con viewpoints, reference articles, interactive maps, infographics, and more.
- **Explora Public Libraries** - Provides easy-to-use features and reliable content from the world's leading magazines and reference books, grouped into easy-to-browse categories. Users can search by keyword or by topic.

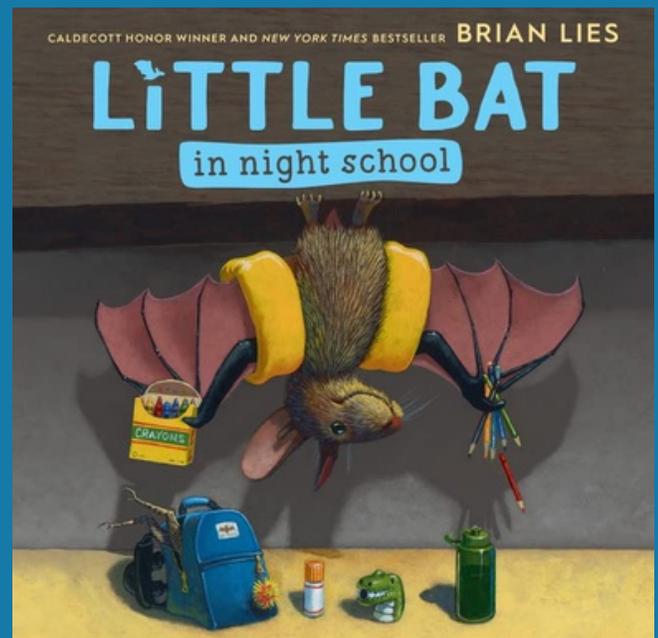


Need a library card? There is no charge for a library card if you are a resident of the Town of Highland Park. Apply in person, online, or by phone. Visit the Library's website, <https://www.hptx.org/145/Library-Cards>, or call (214) 559-9400 for more information.

What To Read Next

For a fun twist on a first day of school book, try *Little Bat in Night School* by Brian Lies. Little Bat's expectations for his first night at school may not fit exactly with his experiences. Yet by being kind, open to new friends, and exploring new opportunities, Little Bat learns to love night school. This is a great title to read aloud. The cast of nocturnal animal classmates enjoy circle time, counting, singing, art, storytime, and more with their teacher Mrs. C., a friendly raccoon. Readers will find something new every time in the intricate illustrations. One of the funniest illustrations depicts naptime, when owl sleeps with one eye open.

For more school reads, be sure to browse the Library's special display in August. The Library is open Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday - Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

The Sea Voyage Sails On - Never fear mateys, you still have time to experience the transformation of the Children's Room into the underwater Sea Voyage. The pop-up art experience will be on display through mid-August. Discover oceans of possibilities through imagination, exploration, and play. Visitors can participate in a nautical themed scavenger hunt for a special prize from the Library's treasure chest. Have new adventures on the high seas while finding a bounty of books, audiobooks, kits, and learning activities for all ages. Be sure to visit before the voyage ends...

The project is generously funded by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation and features original artwork by @michaelmcpheeters, aka Mr. Mural.

Thank you to all the Highland Park Library Summer Readers! We had a wonderful time learning and creating with you. Remember, summer readers have through August to pick up their prizes.

- 150 points, you will receive a seaworthy prize
- 300 points, you will receive another prize, a certificate, and donate a book in your name to Camp Sweeney for Kids, one of the largest diabetes educational facilities in the world.

Thank you to Christine McKenny of Allie Beth Allman & Associates for sponsoring summer reading. Thank you to the Friends of the Highland Park Library for funding the Sharing Literacy book donation program. We look forward to more summer reading fun in 2023.

Deadly Dallas: A History of Unfortunate Incidents and Grisly Fatalities - The HP Library is excited to host this book talk with writer-historian Rusty Williams, author of *Deadly Dallas: A History of Unfortunate Incidents and Grisly Fatalities*. Mr. Williams catalogues the unexpected hazards of city life at the turn of the twentieth century. This program will take place on Saturday, August 20, 11:00 a.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deadly-dallas-book-talk-tickets-384140964967?aff=HPL>. Seating is limited.

Engage Cognitive Flexibility for Agile Thinking - A program by The Center for BrainHealth at the University of Texas at Dallas - The brain is dynamic, adaptable, flexible, trainable - and repairable. Just as we have come to realize that we can better our bodies through positive lifestyle habits, so too can we improve our own brain's performance. We can accomplish major goals, enhance team communication, and inspire innovation all around us. Cognitive flexibility is the key to maintaining and advancing brain health as we age. Learn how to leverage agile thinking to generate and discover novel concepts, imagine future problems, and identify solutions from multiple viewpoints.

After attending this session, you will be able to:

- Discuss practical ways to break free from stagnant, status quo thinking
- Understand how to flexibly update ideas and perspectives to generate novel solutions and improve existing processes

This lecture will take place on Wednesday, August 24 at 12:00 p.m. at the Highland Park Library. Adults 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/engage-cognitive-flexibility-for-agile-thinking-tickets-377919616747?aff=newsflash>. Seating is limited.

AUGUST CALENDAR



- All Month** **Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.
- Every Thursday at 10:00 AM:** Baby Bounce - online at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheHighlandParkLibrary>
- Every Thursday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Movement. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.
- Every Friday at 10:00 & 10:45 AM:** Story Time at the Library, meets on the 2nd Floor in the Council Meeting Room unless stated otherwise for a special event.

August 16, Tuesday **Town Council Meeting & Study Session**
8:00 a.m. Meeting & Study Session will be an in-person meeting at Town Hall, Second Floor.
<https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

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