

# 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](mailto:hrussell@hptx.org), or call (214) 559-9308 with your recommendations.



## HPCAN Blood Drive Scheduled

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 22, to give blood. HPCAN will be hosting their first of four blood drives scheduled for 2023. The Town will announce the blood drive through Twitter and Blue Zone News, and share the link to schedule a donation time slot. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows.

## Annual Pet Registration Reminder

Have you registered your pet for 2023 yet? Per Town Ordinance 2.01.013, all pets must be registered every January. Residents can download the one-page form or can complete the registration online at [www.hptx.org/pet](http://www.hptx.org/pet). Annual registration is \$20.00 per unneutered/unspayed dog or cat, or \$10 for each neutered/spayed dog or cat. Proof of current rabies vaccination is also required at time of registration. Completed forms and payment can be mailed or dropped-off at Town Hall, or emailed to Customer Service. Emailed registrations will have the annual fee included on the next utility bill after the application is received.

Please remember to keep all dogs on leashes and to pick up their “deposits” when in the parks or out for walks! To view the Town’s ordinances concerning pets, please visit <https://ecode360.com/39245879>. For more information, call Customer Service at 214-521-4161.

# NOW HIRING

## Stay cool, work at the HP Swimming Pool

HIRING FOR POOL MANAGER,  
ASSISTANT MANAGERS, LIFEGUARDS,  
AND CONCESSION ATTENDANTS

Lifeguard starting pay \$15.16/hr  
Certifications are paid for  
Flexible schedule

**APPLY NOW!**  
**[WWW.HPTX.ORG/JOBS](http://WWW.HPTX.ORG/JOBS)**



## **HP Library: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning**

**Winter Reading Challenge** - Adults, join the Winter Reading Challenge and enter the drawing to win a Kindle Paperwhite. Complete the challenge by March 11, 2023, to enter the raffle drawing. Sign up and record your progress at [hptx.beanstack.com](https://hptx.beanstack.com).

Not sure what to read next? Get personalized book recommendations from the Library Book Coach, <https://www.hptx.org/FormCenter/Library-3/Book-Coach-112>. Let Library staff be your Book Coach and help you find spot-on reads! Simply complete an online form to tell Library staff about your reading preferences. Then you will receive a list of books especially for you, usually by the next Library business day.

**Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum** - Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m. to noon - Families come in all shapes and sizes and so does creativity. The Meadows Museum, located at 5900 Bishop Blvd., invites kids and their grown-ups to drop by the first Saturday of the month to get creative together. This program is presented in collaboration with the Highland Park Library, and designed and facilitated in part by the Meadows Museum Student Collective. This program is free with regular museum admission and designed for children ages four to nine, but all are welcome. See the Meadows Museum website, <https://meadowsmuseumdallas.org/>, for information about each unique session.

**Hearts & Flowers Show** - Share the love with this whimsical and musical celebration of Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m., at the Highland Park Library. Families can enjoy a story telling about the history of Valentine's Day, along with songs, puppets, and a surprise! Suitable for children and families. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hearts-and-flowers-show-tickets-484577413087?aff=register>.



**Paper Flower Workshop** - On Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 p.m., at the Highland Park Library, combine an assortment of hand-painted papers and colorful tissue paper and learn to shape them into flowers that will last forever. This introduction to basic paper engineering and folding techniques will give students the foundation to continue making paper flowers at home from repurposed and found papers. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Supplies provided. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paper-flower-workshop-tickets-514385539997?aff=register>.



**Tall Tails** - Wednesday, February 22, 4:30 p.m. - Spend one-on-one time and read a story with a furry friend! Children of all reading levels are encouraged to get to know one of Canine Companion's future service dogs. These dogs will one day work alongside people with disabilities to help increase their independence. Each child will get 15 minutes of reading time with their paw-some audience to practice their literacy skills. Tall Tails is offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Registration is required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tall-tails-tickets-499628601597?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>.



**About Canine Companions**- Canine Companions was established in 1975 and is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. With six training centers spread across the US, Canine Companions is the largest provider of service dogs in the world. More can be read about their extraordinary work here: <https://canine.org/about/>.

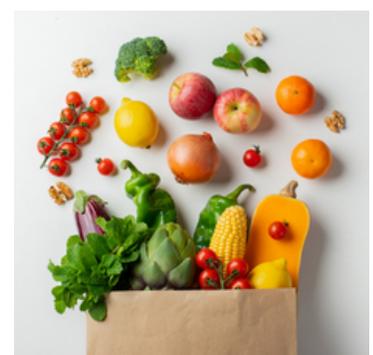
**Sorority Prep** - Are you a college-bound student wanting to join the sorority experience on your campus? Join recruitment expert Leslie Cunningham on Saturday, February 25, at 11:00 a.m., at the University Park Public Library for current information about the sorority recruitment process and how to prepare for a positive experience! This informative program includes a presentation and time for Q&A, and is geared toward high school juniors and seniors and their parents. The UPPL is located at 8383 Preston Center Plaza, Suite 200. This program is a partnership between the UPPL and the HP Library.



**Trinity River Audubon Center Presents Birds of North Texas** - Connect to birds, to nature, and each other. Join Jake Poinsett, with the Trinity River Audubon Center, on Saturday February 18, at 11:00 a.m., at the Highland Park Library for a presentation on the birds of North Texas. Learn how to get started birding and how to participate in the annual Great Backyard Bird Count, a citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trinity-river-audubon-center-presents-birds-of-north-texas-tickets-499478231837?aff=HPL>.



**Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body** - It's never too late or too early to start thinking about your brain's health and making healthy choices at any age is beneficial. Join us on Saturday, February 25, at 11:00 a.m., at the Highland Park Library to learn about science-based recommendations to take care of our brains and bodies, and an interactive cooking demonstration that shows how small changes can make a big difference. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthy-living-for-your-brain-body-tickets-500132177807?aff=erelpanelorg>.

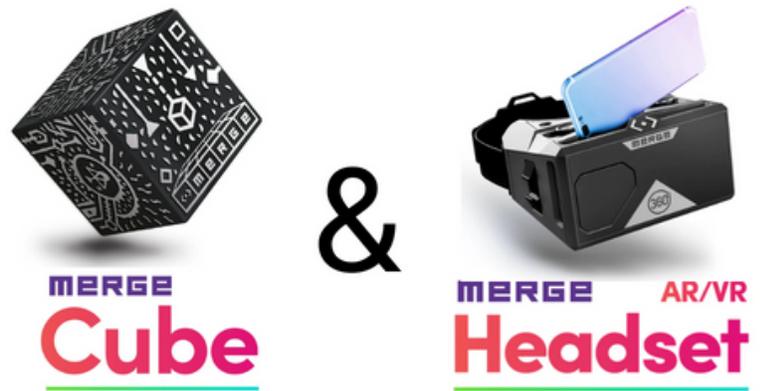


## Get Virtual with the HP Library

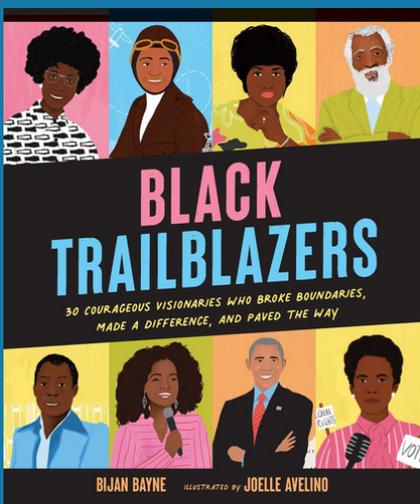
The Library now offers Merge AR/VR Headsets for check out. Explore, create, and experiment with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics while powering your imagination. The new headsets are an addition to the Merge Cube Kits. The flexible, durable design of the Merge AR/VR Headset is perfect for youth and adults since each headset is made out of a comfortable and rugged foam, fits any face, withstands everyday bumps and drops, and is super easy to clean.

The headset is compatible with most modern iOS and Android smartphones. Simply add VR apps or videos to your device, set-up a viewer profile, insert your smartphone into the headset, and get started. The Merge Headset works with augmented reality experiences using the Merge Cube, an award-winning STEM tool that allows users to hold virtual objects and learn in ways never possible before. Both the cubes and headsets can utilize content from corresponding free Merge EDU apps, available for Apple and Android devices. Each kit includes a Merge Cube, Merge AR/VR Headset, login information for Merge EDU apps, and laminated user guides packaged in a convenient tote.

Funding for the Merge Cubes was made possible by the Highland Park Quality of Life Foundation. Funding for the Merge AR/VR Headsets was made possible by the Friends of the Highland Park Library through a grant from La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas. The Highland Park Library faithfully serves as the community's Connection to Lifelong Learning.



## HP Library: What to Read Next



February is Black History Month. Library staff have designed in-Library displays of titles to celebrate poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and memoirs by Black authors. The book [Black Trailblazers: 30 Courageous Visionaries who Broke Boundaries, Made a Difference, and Paved the Way](#) by Bijan Bayne combines history, quotes from the trailblazers themselves, and powerful visuals to educate, entertain, and inspire readers.

To view Black History Month exhibits and collections online from The Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Gallery of Art, the National Park Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, please visit <https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>.

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR



**Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Meditation. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

**Every Thursday at 11:30 AM:** Mindful Movement. Class meets in the DPS Training Room, Third Floor.

**Every Thursday at 10:00 AM:** Baby Bounce at the Library, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

**Every Friday at 10:00 AM:** Toddler Story Time at the Library, meets in the Council Meeting Room, Second Floor.

**Every Friday at 10:45 AM:** Preschool Story Time at the Library, meets in the Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor.

**February 4, Saturday Family Saturday at the Meadows Museum**

**10:00 a.m.** This program is free with regular museum admission and designed for children ages four to nine, but all are welcome.

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**February 7, Tuesday Town Council Meeting & Study Session**

**8:00 a.m.** Meeting & Study Session will be on the second floor of Town Hall. Agendas are made available online by the Friday afternoon before the meeting at <https://www.hptx.org/895/Town-Council-Agendas>

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**February 25, Saturday Sorority Prep - Library & UPPL**

**11:00 a.m.** Suitable for high school juniors and seniors and their parents. The UPPL is located at 8383 Preston Center Plaza, Suite 200.

**February 25, Saturday Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body - Library**

**11:00 a.m.** Suitable for ages 18 and up. Registration required, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthy-living-for-your-brain-body-tickets-500132177807?aff=erelpanelorg>.



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