As you have no doubt heard countless times over the last few weeks, we have found ourselves in uniquely trying times. Many of us have found ourselves at home, with our usual hobbies and the comfort our routines unavailable to us. While we are all struggling to adjust to this stark change in our day to day lives, the staff at the Dickinson Area Public Library hope to continue offering as much in the way of service and solidarity as we can.

To that end this special edition of our newsletter is going to highlight a number of the digital resources available to our patrons with nothing more than your library card and an internet connection. In addition we will be covering some of the library's plans to help patrons access our physical materials during our period of closure.

Finally, to all of our patrons, and indeed everyone in our wonderful community, what the future holds for all of us is uncertain. What we can say for certain is that this period of closure has shown all of our staff that a library without patrons is just an empty building, each and every one of us cannot wait to welcome you back into the Library!
An update from the Friends of the Library

I have sat down and written this article for the newsletter three times now. The first time, I missed the deadline for the winter publishing. My own fault. The second time, it was ready to go, but the content of the letter was made obsolete by COVID 19. Sigh. So here I am again, third time’s a charm, right?

Though it’s long overdue, I’d like to introduce myself, I’m Tara Zettel, current president of the Friends of the Library executive board. I came on as treasurer in 2017, became president in May of 2019. Now, my 3-year term is nearing its end, though those transitions are put on hold, as we all wait out this global pandemic. Luckily for us, the Dickinson Area Public Library has many digital resources that allow us to keep reading and learning while we wait. I know my family and I have depended on our Overdrive (Libby) app more than ever during this time of isolation. Twice Sold Tales will continue to be closed longer than the city deems it necessary for the Library to be closed.

Membership Dues
You can still send in your 2020 Membership Dues by mail to the Library. We try to have all our Annual Members renew by the Annual Meeting in May. This year, the meeting will be postponed to later this summer. Still, I encourage all our Annual Members to renew promptly as membership keeps you on our mailing list so you can receive newsletters and updates such as the one you are reading now.

This is a great time to tell you all about our updated membership levels. We continue to have Annual Membership for $10.00 a year and Lifetime Memberships for $500.00 one time. We have discontinued the Student Annual Membership, and we have added a Corporate Annual Membership for $250.00 a year. We are committed to recognizing these Corporate Friends on our social media and other Friend involvement.

The Friends of the Library

Family Fare Receipts
We will continue to collect Family Fare receipts at the Library and Twice Sold Tales for the MakerSpace program at the Library, so I hope you who are faithful to save your receipts for us have them tucked away in a cupboard in the meantime! The community response has been so great towards this effort! The total is climbing faster than I ever dreamed it would when the board set out to earn the $1000 from SpartanNash. We need to collect $150,000 in receipts and have crossed over $800,000 last time they were totaled. Thank you and please keep saving them!

Are you interested in being a part of the Friends’ executive board? We will be recruiting for new board seats when we are permitted to meet again. I know I was unsure when I was initially approached. I’d never served on a board before and I was sure they made a mistake when someone suggested me. But the Library staff was welcoming and accommodating and the friendliness of everyone on the board made the learning curve painless. What qualified me, and what qualifies you, is just a deep love and loyalty to the mission of the Dickinson Area Public Library. My guess is, if you are reading this sentence in this article in this newsletter, that means you would make a great board member!

I wish everyone a very safe and healthy spring! And remember the quote on our Friends bookbag: “Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”

-Mason Cooley

Last but certainly not least, is Medici TV, this is the library’s newest digital resource and it perhaps our most impressive. Medici TV offers live streams, as well as recorded audio, and video of world class, classical music performances. Additionally, there are master classes, by leading musicians and instructors from some of the most venerable institutions in music such as the Juilliard School, The Royal Academy of Music, and the Conservatoire de Paris to name just a few. Further, Medici TV offers full length recordings of Opera and Ballet performances.

You can access Medici TV, by following these steps:
Visit the Library’s website at dickinsonlibrary.org
Once there select the online resources tab on the front page:

Then select the tab labeled, music.

Click on the image that reads Medici TV. Click on the image to follow the link, and using your library card number and password, log in and enjoy!
The Libby app is a new twist on a familiar service, it is managed by Rakuten, the company that also owns and manages the Overdrive drive service, which you may already be familiar with. If you already use and enjoy Overdrive, this service may not be for you. However, if you are like me, and find the interface and overall user friendliness of the Overdrive app lacking, you might enjoy Libby which offers a more modern app experience, and in my opinion a bit more intuitive design.

Get started with Libby

- **Step 1**
  Install the Libby app from your device’s app store.
  - Apple App Store
  - Google Play
  - Windows Store
  Or, visit [libbyapp.com](http://libbyapp.com) in your Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Edge browser.

- **Step 2**
  In Libby, follow the prompts to find your library and sign in with a valid library card.
  Remember your login credentials are your library card number, which can be found on the back of your card, and your last name in all lowercase letters.

- **Step 3**
  Browse your library’s collection and borrow a title.

- **Step 4**
  Borrowed titles appear under Shelf > Loans and download to the app automatically when you’re connected to Wi-Fi, so you can read them when you’re offline.
  From your Loans, you can:
  - Tap Read With... to choose where you’d like to read the book (Kindle or Libby), then finish sending to Kindle (U.S. libraries only) or start reading in Libby.
  - Tap Open Audiobook or Open Magazine to start reading or listening to that title.
  - Tap Manage Loan to see options like Renew and Return.
  If you need more help with Libby, please visit Libby Help. Happy reading!

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**You could get MAIL!**

Good day from the Staff at the Dickinson Area Public Library. We are happy to announce that during our period of closure you will be able to check out 3 physical items at a time. You can do this by placing an item on hold through the library’s website. You will receive your holds via mail. Items can be returned to the Library via the book drop, alternatively, you may keep your holds until such time as the library has reopened to the public.

However, should you wish to receive new items all previous checkouts must be returned. It should also be noted that during this period of closure, no fines will accrue on loaned items.

We would ask that when you place these holds you take into consideration the following: the number of patrons taking advantage of this service is likely to grow quickly, and while the library is closed to the public the number of staff on hand to fill holds is extremely limited. Items requested will be sent through the mail. These limitations mean that there will be a delay from when you place a hold to the receipt of the item.

We are excited to begin serving our patrons again, even in this limited fashion.

**Bonjour!**

Are you interested in discovering a new language? Look no further than Mango Languages! If you have a library card, you can access this free service through our digital resources.

There are over 70 languages offered including, but not limited to: French, Spanish, German, Norwegian, Japanese, Mandarin, Korean, Russian, and more. You can even learn “Pirate”!

Most languages offered will help with basic conversation. So get connected digitally, so you can get connected personally!
Many of you may already be familiar with the Overdrive app, it is one our library has partnered with for some time. However for those of you who aren’t familiar with the app and what it offers here is a quick tutorial on the installation and use of overdrive.

You can use the OverDrive app to borrow and enjoy digital titles from your library. The OverDrive app is available for Android, Chromebooks, iOS, Fire tablets, and Windows 8/10.

- **Step 1**
  
  Install the OverDrive app from your device’s app store or from app.overdrive.com.
  
  - Apple App Store
  - Google Play
  - Amazon Appstore
  - Chrome Web Store
  - Windows Store

- **Step 2**
  
  Open the OverDrive app and follow the prompts to sign in (or sign up) using your library card.

  Remember your login credentials are your library card number, which can be found on the back of your card, and your last name in all lowercase letters.

  If you’re under 13, you can use one of the under-13 sign-in options.

- **Step 3**
  
  In the OverDrive app, find your library’s digital collection.

  Once you’ve found it, click or tap the collection name to start browsing. This will also automatically save the collection to your library list in the app.

This online resource I want to share, is one that is swiftly becoming my personal favorite. RB Digital is a service accessible with your library card, however accessing RB digital with your library credentials can be somewhat different than you might be used to, even if you already use Overdrive or Libby. First, go to the Library’s website at [http://www.dickinsonlibrary.org/](http://www.dickinsonlibrary.org/), and select the link that says Online Resources, you will then be taken to a page that looks like this:

To find the link that will take you to RB Digital, you can select either the Comics, Audio Books, Ebooks, or Journals & Magazines these will open a box that looks like this:

Click on the image that says RB Digital and that will take you to RB Digital’s homepage which will look like this:

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Enter your information in the corresponding fields and hit register, and just like that you will have gained access to:

- **Audiobooks**—Over 35,000 titles published by Recorded Books, as well as tens of thousands of premium audiobooks from other major publishers
- **Magazines & Comics**—The largest collection of digital magazines for libraries, as well as hundreds of top comics from major brands including Disney Comics and Marvel
- **Newspapers**—PressReader, the premier content solution to keep your community current on local, national, and global affairs
- **eBooks**—Bestselling and award-winning eBooks by top authors
- **Entertainment**—Unlimited access to movies and television shows, British TV and film, Spanish telenovelas and movies, and concerts and music documentaries
- **Education**—A comprehensive collection of online world language learning, music instruction, software training, and more
- **Health & Wellness**—Live and on-demand fitness, health, lifestyle, wellness, and personal development classes