

# Smythie

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We want to let everyone know what is going on at the Smyth Public Library. Sometime over the Christmas week-end a sprinkler in the fire suppression system failed and water started pouring into the building. It began in the reference room and then the water spread to the rest of the building. The entire building flooded before the problem was discovered and the water turned off. Now, everything will need to be removed so that all the flooring can be replaced and any other damages repaired. We have hired Servpro to do the clean-up. We are insured and the insurance adjuster has been there and stated that the repairs will be covered. The library will be closed until all the repairs are completed, everything is dried out and

then the books and furniture can be replaced. We do not know at this point how long that will all take.

In the meantime, we have closed the book drop because we do not have a good place to put returned books. We ask that you keep any books that are due and naturally, there will be no late fees when you are able to return them. We now have the library email functioning. If you have any questions about using our digital services, you can email

[librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) and Heidi will get back to you as soon as possible. None of our employees are in the building on a regular basis now so even if the phones are working, there is no one to answer them. We can still borrow ebooks and we are checking with libraries in surrounding towns to see if they are willing to serve our patrons on a temporary basis. We will let everyone know when we have an answer to that question.

There are some books available at the Swap Shop at the recycling center and the Little Free Library at the entrance to the CYAA building. Please know that we are doing everything we can to get the library re-opened as soon as possible.

**While we are closed...**

**You can still check e-books out from the state library through our catalogue, as usual.**

## Overdrive/ Libby



**Overdrive** is the original app, which is compatible with most devices. Use this if you have a Kindle Fire, a Mac, a Windows device, or a PC. **Libby** is a new app by Overdrive. It has the same collection as Overdrive. If you have an Android or iOS device, use the Libby app.

## Kanopy



## What is Kanopy?

Kanopy is a popular on demand film streaming service that will be available for free with your library card! You can get 4 titles per month. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

With the motto of “thoughtful entertainment,” Kanopy provides patrons with access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race, and current affairs.

Kanopy also offers **Kanopy Kids**, with categories include TV Series, Learning Languages, Animated Storybooks, Anime Favorites, Classic Films and Movies for the Whole Family.

## Kanopy Toolkits:

At the start of 2020 Kanopy launched new toolkits to help patrons and

viewers access theme-specific videos and movies. Each month a new toolkit shall be published; the toolkits offer program guides and suggestions on what films to view.

Click [here](#) to view the toolkits.

### **Accessing Kanopy:**

Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films on instantly by visiting [smythpl.kanopy.com](http://smythpl.kanopy.com).

NOTE: When logging-in to Kanopy it requires your *Library Card Number* and a *Library Card Pin/Password*. The *Pin/Password* is the seven digits of your phone number, or ten digits of your phone number if the number i

## Hoopla



### **STEAM Look Book**

The 2021 hoopla [STEAM Look Book](#) is now available! hoopla offers the best selection of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics titles for patrons of all ages. STEAM education is known to increase problem-solving and critical thinking skills, so the content is great anytime, but especially for back to school!

Browse our STEAM Library Resources, [Look Book](#), and collections for every age

### **The Great Courses**



We're thrilled to announce [The Great Courses](#) now on video on hoopla. Patrons can enjoy over 200 individual courses in a variety of topics taught by award-winning experts and professors including *Health, Fitness & Nutrition, Literature & Language, Science & Technology*, and more.

### **hoopla Book Club:**

hoopla's digital collection is available instantly with no holds and no waiting, including the [Book Club Spotlight Selection](#), giving readers access to eBooks and audiobooks even if the library's physical building is closed.

**New Book Club Spotlight Selection: *Before the Coffee Gets Cold***  
The Winter 2021 hoopla Book Club Spotlight is [Before the Coffee Gets Cold](#) by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. This is his debut as an author, and has become an international bestseller.

hoopla's online resources, including an [exclusive Q&A with the author](#), are also available on the [hoopla Book Club Hub](#) site to access and share digitally. Readers can keep the discussion going virtually or in person, no matter where they are, with the hoopla Book Club.

### **Accessing hoopla:**

To register for and enjoy hoopla digital for free with your library card, please download the hoopla digital app from your Apple or Google Play store on your mobile device. If you are using a computer, you may visit <https://www.hoopladigital.com/home>.

For more information or should you have questions, please visit or call Smyth Public Library.

Please note, that when logging-in to Hoopla, type in your *email*, and then the *Password/PIN* required is simply your phone number.

### **FAQ of hoopla:**

With Hoopla, you can check out 3 items per month with your library card! NO WAITING!

You will have immediate access to:

MOVIES, FULL MUSIC ALBUMS, eBooks, eAUDIOBOOKS, TV

EPISODES, and COMICS and GRAPHIC NOVELS!

ALL of this content will be available in one all-inclusive mobile app or website. The platform is simple, intuitive and free. BEST OF ALL?

There is NO WAITING for titles, the collection contains half a million titles and is growing every day!!

**hoopla has added over 6,500 new titles! Click [here](#) for more information.**

### **Family Movie Nights made easy with hoopla!**

With many families staying in more than ever, hoopla can help make decisions for family movie night easy with our wide selection of family titles. We have curated a [\*\*special collection of some of our\*\*](#)

[\*\*favorites\*\*](#) available now with no holds or waiting – including *Ella Enchanted*, *Daddy Day Care*, *The 3 Tails*, and more!

Discovering titles your patrons will love has never been easier with the new and expanded [\*\*Movies of the Month\*\*](#) on hoopla!

### **Reading guides**

The hoopla Resource Center now has [reading guides](#) for IDW Publishing graphic novels available on hoopla, including *March Book One* and *March Book Two*. John Lewis's game-changing graphic memoir *March* has brought attention to a powerful issue and its three books have won numerous awards and have been a #1 *New York Times* Bestseller.

**[Check out the Reading Guides](#)**

### **Curate your own film festival with the power of your library card and hoopla!**

The programs new Art House collection full of documentaries and films is the perfect place to start; click [here](#) for more information

# Events...

Spark Joy® Program “Make tidying a special event.” ~ Marie Kondo START DATE: Saturday | Jan 15th START TIME: 7:00 AM EST END DATE: Monday | Jan 17th END TIME: 7:00 AM EST REGISTER at: [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) (603) 483-8245 One more surprise: Shannon is sharing her Spark Joy® Charlotte tidying checklist for you to use on your tidying journey! Print it out and let it be your guide to tidying up for good. Download We hope you enjoy the program. Let’s Spark Joy®! This event is brought to you by the Smyth Public Library [sparkjoycharlotte.com](http://sparkjoycharlotte.com) The Smyth Public Library is excited to have Shannon Huneycutt share an inspiring presentation on what it means to lead a life that Sparks Joy. You will learn the KonMari® philosophy and guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all and leave feeling motivated to Spark Joy® in your home, office, and life! You may watch the onehour presentation at any time during the 48-hour period from 7am Saturday, January 15 through 7am Monday, January 17, 2022. Enter to win the Jumpstart Your Journey giveaway where you will have access to a virtual guide to help jumpstart your tidying journey. Be sure to have a standard t-shirt and a pair of pants ready for the folding activity as you will be learning the famous KonMari® Vertical folding technique.



# Service Now Available:

## Brainfuse HelpNow

Smyth Library Now offers On-Demand,  
Anywhere Online Tutoring for All  
Learners

*Includes online tutoring for all levels of  
learners from children through adults*

To access HelpNow™, please visit the library's website and  
sign in to your account: [[https://smyth.biblionix.com/  
catalog/?search=](https://smyth.biblionix.com/catalog/?search=)].

**Here are some of the features:**

**Live Tutoring: Asynchronous Services: Study Tools:**

**Collaboration tools: Adult Learning Center:** Adult Learning Center is the adult learners' version of HelpNow™ where patrons can access High School Equivalency prep, US Citizenship test prep, resume assistance, Microsoft Office support, and Career Resources. The Writing Lab, Send Question, and Skills Building are also included in the Adult Learning Center suite.



Books to the ceiling,  
Books to the sky,  
My pile of books is a mile high.  
How I love them!  
How I need them!  
I'll have a long beard by the time I read them.  
*- Arnold Lobel*



**I just got out of the hospital. I was in a speed  
reading contest. I hit a bookmark.**  
*- Stephen Wright*



**Tip from the front desk**

## The History of New Year's Resolutions

The custom of making New Year's resolutions has been around for thousands of years, but it hasn't always looked the way it does today. The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year-though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted. During a massive 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year's resolutions. If the Babylonians kept to their word, their (pagan) gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods' favor-a place no one wanted to be.

Heidi Deacon, Director

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# Did you know...

**Jane Austen had a knack for brewing her own beer. She used molasses to give her brews a sweeter taste.**

Ed. Note: Ever wonder what they do with the rest of the moles?

# Trivia Time!

Every month we ask a trivia question. If you know the answer, drop it off at the front desk or e-mail it here.

**Last month's question and answer:**

**Q. In what novel do Tweedledee and Tweedledum first appear?**

**A. Through the Looking Glass**

**This Month's Trivia**  
**Question:**

*Who is the heroine of Janet  
Evanovich's One for the Money  
and its sequels?*

**Ever want to be one of those know-it-all reviewers?**

Got a book to recommend?

Want to write a blurb?

Have a child with a favorite book who would like to contribute to the Smythie?

We welcome contributors (less for us to write!), especially children and teens to review and recommend favorite books. Just drop Heidi Deacon an e-mail at [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) or “reply” to this and we’ll include it here. It need not be a new book – it can be a golden oldie, a classic, a trashy beach book or whatever you have enjoyed.

**I hope you have enjoyed this edition. Comments, suggestions and, of course, reviews are always welcomed.**

**Rick Mitchell and the library staff**

The Smythie is now over a gazillion  
subscribers strong!!

**But...** We may not be for everyone. If you do not want to  
be on this e-mail list, just reply and tell us to remove your  
name.

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