

Fall 2020 Newsletter

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Hallstead-Great Bend Library Celebrates 100 Years

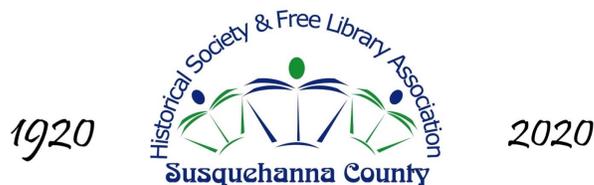
The Hallstead-Great Bend Library will celebrate its 100-year anniversary the week of Nov. 16, 2020. A plaque will be presented at the Hallstead Borough meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18. A video featuring the history of the library will be posted on the library's Facebook page.

Patrons can stop by the Hallstead-Great Bend library during this week and receive a coupon for a free book from the used book store located inside the Montrose library. The traveling Book Walk featuring the children's story *Daniel Finds a Poem* will also move to the Hallstead Park.

The Hallstead library began as a "Citizen's Library" and was operated out of several homes in the Hallstead area. In 1917, the library was a rented room in the Lamb house and had just 40 books. After outgrowing the rooms in several different locations, the library, now located at 135 Franklin Ave., Hallstead, opened in 1920 and originally shared the building with the local jail.

Celebrating 100 years!

HALLSTEAD-GREAT BEND
BRANCH LIBRARY



In 1931, the Civic Club began sponsoring the library (and still does to this day). In 1999, the library joined the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association. The library has also undergone several renovations and additions, including a Children's Room in 1976 and an addition in 2001.

Introducing Podcasts!



**Susquehanna
County Library**
Off The Shelf
Podcast

[Click here!](#)

Free Instant Pot Class on Zoom

Nov. 18. 10 a.m. — 11 p.m.

[Click for details!](#)



Help your child get excited about early literacy skills with Susquehanna Branch Library's fun and interactive PAL (Play and Learn) Packs! Each of the ten backpacks contain books and educational toys on a theme that kids love, such as colors, dinosaurs, fairy tales and pets. PAL Packs will be available soon and can either be checked out at Susquehanna or brought to Montrose, Hallstead-Great Bend and Forest City to borrow.

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Welcome New Staff!

Candace Doughty joined the Forest City location's staff in October as the new library assistant.



Samantha Irwin joined the Susquehanna location's staff in August as the new library assistant.



Bonnie Yuscavage joined the Historical Society location's staff in October as the new research assistant.



Deborah Borrelli joined the Montrose location's staff in September as the new Administrative Assistant.

Best wishes to Pam Bagnall, Shannon Gregory-Smales and Carol Patrick as they retire!

Did you know?

Susquehanna County Library's eBook and audiobook collections have merged with Lackawanna, Wayne, Wyoming and Pike Counties to form the [Northeast Pennsylvania Digital Library!](#)



You'll now have thousands of eBooks and audiobooks to choose from! The collections will still be available via the Libby and Overdrive apps. Simply select "Susquehanna County Library" as your home library, then sign in again with your card number and pin.



Libby.

Blast from the past!



Here's a photo from the dedication of the Forest City Library on July 10, 1967!

Our Locations

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