

Athens Community Library

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May/June 2023 Newsletter



Annual Used Book Sale

July 12 – August 1
during operating hours
Extended hours July 24
(Homecoming)

What's All the Hoopla???

Hoopla is basically your public library at your fingertips, which allows patrons to borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music everywhere you have a screen -- your computer, your phone, your car, even your TV. All you need is a library card. Hoopla syncs across all your devices, so you can stream titles immediately or whenever you're in the mood. You can also download most titles to your phone or tablet. Hoopla offers more content, in more places, than any other digital library platform and it's all FREE thanks to Athens Community Library!

Each patron is able to borrow five titles per month. If you don't have a library card yet, stop in soon to fill out an application and see what we have to offer!

Already have a library card?
Create an account with your patron number.

www.hoopladigital.com.



New Technology Now Available

The library received a generous grant from Athens Area Community Foundation to purchase technology for our early and middle-school aged learning patrons.

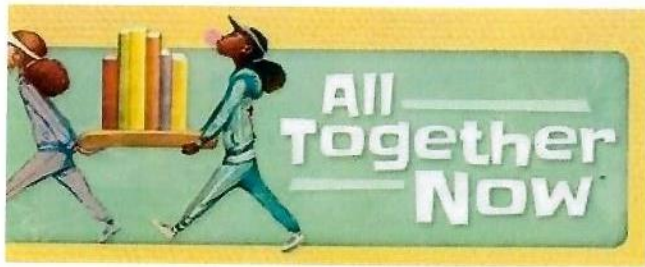
Immersive Reality is a combination of virtual reality and augmented reality with print books and is a unique offering certain to appeal to young learners. Readers are able to place themselves into their topics, which takes excitement to a new level. Studying topics such as outer space, world geography, deadly animals, and dangerous professions has never been so breathtaking. The topics available are nonfiction and are available in different reading levels. Level one is available for ages 4-7 and level two is available for ages 8-14. Studies have repeatedly shown that most children are visual and interactive learners.

Launchpad and Launchpad Academy are tablets, which are pre-loaded with content for kids, teens, and adults and offers a simple, easy-to-use interface, and it's 100% secure, Launchpad tablets are made to be passed from one set of hands to the next. No download time. No need for Wi-Fi. Access to powerful content is simple as turning on each device — anytime, anywhere. Learning apps have a powerful impact on development and education and Launchpads ensure that everyone can access them. Launchpads bridge the accessibility gap.

Every **Wonderbook** is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Users will press play to read along with their favorite books and then switch to leaning mode for literacy learning and fun. Learning mode offers fun, narrator-lead question and answer sessions; open-ended, educator-vetted questions about the story just read; and is a powerful way to teach parents how to dialogue with their children about books. Wonderbooks are available in picture books, leveled readers, early chapter books, chapter books, and nonfiction books.

The benefits of read-alongs last a lifetime. Research shows that hearing and seeing words at the same time can improve reading success rates. Wonderbook gives kids an edge with vocabulary development, phonics, and comprehension, as well as encourages deeper engagement with every book.

THANK YOU, ATHENS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!



Summer Library Program

The 2023 Summer Library Program is on Thursdays June 22nd – August 3rd. Kindergarten through 3rd grade will meet from 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm and 4th through 6th graders will meet from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm. If you have children who fit both criteria, you can choose a time for them to participate together. The theme this year is **All Together Now**, which leads to all sorts of fun and exciting activities. During the reading program, we will read, participate in arts and crafts, enjoy a snack, and play outside. The program is open to children in K-6th grade and is free. Participants will receive a cinch sac filled with activities and prizes; in addition, they will receive a new age-appropriate book each time they attend. Register early to ensure your spot. Registration forms are available at the library or online at www.athenscommunitylibrary.org.

New Patron Computers!

We have four new patron computers... they're bigger, faster, and just all around better. We were able to purchase this updated technology with a grant from Athens Area Community Foundation. **THANK YOU, AACF!**

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Hours of Operation:

Mondays: 9 am – 6 pm
Tuesdays: 12 pm – 8 pm
Wednesdays: 9 am – 8 pm
Thursdays: 12 pm – 8 pm
Fridays: 12 pm – 6 pm
Saturdays: 9 am – 1 pm
Saturday Craft and Story Time @ 11:30

Closed for the upcoming Holidays:

Memorial Day, May 29, 2023
Independence Day, July 4, 2023
Labor Day, September 4, 2023

Athens Community Library Board:

President, Jeannie Goodrich
Treasurer, Shirley Damrow
Secretary, Hannah Klein
Trustees, Yvonne Chapman, Robin Crance, and Kendra Falk

Library Staff:

Library Director, Missy Irons
Assistant Director, Nathaniel Mottinger
Library Clerks, Rosie Johnson and Megahn Henckel

Community members and patrons are invited to attend board meetings in the Township Offices Board Room at 5:30 pm.
May 22, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 27, December 18

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