

## Jenne Laytham, Assistant Library Director, Announces Her Retirement

### When Can You Visit the Library?

We miss all of our patrons and we look forward to seeing you again soon. We ask, though, for your patience as we proceed with a slow reopening of the library. There are still many things about this coronavirus we don't understand, including how long it can live on materials like cardboard and plastic. We want everyone to stay safe and well. We will not be open to the public at this time.



Staff began to return to the library with Phase One of Governor Kelly's plan to reopen the state on May 4. We are now processing items "on hold." If we have an item for you, we will call and schedule a time for you to pick it up. For your safety, staff will wear masks and gloves while processing items on hold. For our safety, we ask that you wear a mask when picking up your items through the drive-thru, or you can park in our lot and we'll bring the items out to you.

You can place new holds through the NEXT catalog, or you can give us a call and we'll be happy to place the holds for you. As long as the item you request is in our library, we can get it for you. Unfortunately, if it's not in our library, it may not be until after June 1 before we can get the item for you from another library.

If you had an item coming from another library prior to the shutdown, it may be here as soon as May 22. We will call and schedule a time for you to pick it up.

The items you have now are not due until May 18 and they can be renewed. So, there is no hurry to get them back to us. We will only open our dropbox on Thursdays, and all items will stay in the dropbox for 72 hours to allow time for the virus to die off. We will not accept items through the drive-thru.

If you need to use a computer, please give us a call and leave a message with a number where we can reach you. We will schedule a time for you as soon as we can, while following all safety guidelines from health officials.

We'll keep you informed as we move to Phase Two of our reopening. Please watch our website for more information. Continue to contact us through our website Contact Us page or email us at [patronupdate@basehorlibrary.org](mailto:patronupdate@basehorlibrary.org). Or just give us a call!

Our library family will not be the same following the retirement of longtime Assistant Director Jenne Laytham at the end of May.

Jenne started at the library in March of 1996, working part-time at the original location on 155th St. At that time, there were only three staff members and the library closed for lunch each day from noon to one. Jenne started working full time in the fall of 1996 and became Assistant Director shortly thereafter.

In her twenty-four years at the library, Jenne witnessed many changes, including a brand new building, a rapidly growing community, and an explosion of technological advances. Jenne was instrumental in helping bring about many new services. She started the library's Teen Services program, and organized a Teen Advisory Group that helped with adding titles for teen books, including manga, and by carving out a very small portion of the library for a teens only area. In addition to Teen Services, Jenne led adult programs, including book clubs, a new writer's group, and many other popular programs. She was the force behind the library's nationally represented Poetry Contest each spring. In recent years, she has managed the circulation services at the library and has been the "voice" of the library's Facebook page.

Jenne says her best memory is being a part of the journey to move into the brand new library building in 2008. She adds, "This has been a dream job for me. I have always loved working with so many kind, fun and wonderful people. I will really miss sharing my days with my co-workers and all the great people who walk through our doors."

All of us who walk through the library doors, as staff and patrons, will miss Jenne's bright and positive attitude, her tenacious problem solving, and her generous spirit.

Our current restrictions on group gatherings have definitely dampened the festivities that we had planned to honor Jenne's service to the library. We hope, though, in lieu of gathering as a community, you will consider sharing your well-wishes for Jenne through a special Facebook event page or by dropping a card to Jenne in care of the Basehor Library.

To borrow from one of Jenne's favorite poems, we are grateful to have traveled this road together, for Jenne has truly made a difference in our community.

*"I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference."  
—"The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost*



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## 2020 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Babies | Children | Teens | Adults



### Childrens Program May 25th - July 31st

Summer reading is FUN and SIMPLE!

**Children Birth to 6th Grade are eligible**

- ◆ The only requirement to earn a weekly prize is to read *everyday*. And the best part...you can read anything you want! Our goal is to get kids into the habit and enjoyment of reading.
- ◆ Record the days you read. One virtual badge available for each full week (7 days) of reading. Show your badges at the library and pick a prize. NEW prizes added weekly! Maximum of 9 weekly prizes per child.

#### BABY AND TODDLERS PROGRAM

- ◆ Read a total of 30 books to your child and they will receive a prize.
- ◆ Read a total of 60 books and your child will receive a free board book.
- ◆ One prize awarded in June and one in July.

### Teen Program May 25th - July 20th

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

**Read anything you like!** Books, comics, magazines, fan fiction, etc.

Keep track of those minutes.

For every 20 minutes you read and log, you'll be awarded one library dollar.

At the end of the program we'll auction off some great prizes.

Just a few of the prizes we'll have:

Water Bottles, T-shirts, Books, Tote Bags, Gift certificates  
(Hot Topic, iTunes, Books-A-Million, Starbucks, & More!)

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### Adult Program June 1st - July 31st



**Adults look forward to summer just as much as kids do.** Hopefully summer is an opportunity to relax and catch up on reading. Which makes summer a great time to participate in our Adult Summer Reading Program.

We are keeping it very simple. For every one book read, you will earn an entry into a drawing for the gift card of your choice. Print books, audio books and e-books are all eligible. What a great time to use one of our many e-Library options. Limit of nine reading entries per person.

**SUPPORT LOCAL!!!!** This year, the library will purchase all gift cards from local businesses. Each valued at \$25!! Limit of one prize per person.

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**Register on line or call the library at 913-724-2828**

# INTRODUCING **Beanstack**

## Pre registration begins May 18th

**Enjoy the fun of reading as you earn badges  
and reach goals to win prizes!**

Beanstack is a website and app that serves as an interactive home for reading challenges. It's your one-stop-shop to not only register for challenges, but to also track your reading activity and unlock badges. When the summer reading program ends, you keep your account and your reading history. It's always free and you can keep logging your leisure reading. When the next library program comes around, you won't need to register again—just click on it and you're in!

### What You Can Do with **Beanstack**

- ◆ Register as an Individual or Family
- ◆ Complete Reading Challenges
- ◆ Track Your Reading to unlock badges
- ◆ Keep an ongoing Reading Log
- ◆ Earn Badges and Prizes

### How to Sign Up

Beanstack is easy to use and available both online and as a mobile app. Follow the simple step-by-step prompts to create an account for yourself, your child, or your family. If you've previously created an account, you can skip this step and just sign in to your existing account with your registered username and password.

To create your account on line, go to: <https://basehorlibrary.beanstack.com/>

Or you can download the Beanstack Tracker app to your device. Find the free app in your Apple App or Google Play store under the name "Beanstack Tracker" and select "Get" or "Install."



Once registered, you can access your account online or in the app by signing in with your username and password.

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Summer Reading  
Kick-Off  
Parade!

May 30th | 1:30p-4:00p

The Basehor Community Library has been encouraging and challenging readers of all ages to join our Summer Reading Program. This year will be no different. During these unprecedented times, we realize that fun, safety, and community are three things we need to consider while kicking off our Summer Reading Program.

So, on May 30th from 1:30pm-4:00pm, the **library parking lot** will be open exclusively for our Summer Reading Kick-Off Parade! Families can drive through our parking lot to see staff, enjoy social distancing activities (including something involving water balloons and Mr. Patrick) and even receive a packaged snack.

Parades are always made better with signs, costumes, and smiles. So feel free to add to the parade through your car decorations, passengers, and energy. If you wish to get out of your cars for an activity, please wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth or stay 6 feet away from all persons not living in the same household as you.\*

If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to BLAS.

The Basehor Community Library looks forward to serving the community and assisting our patrons with this year's Summer Reading!

\*Remember we are promoting safety that aligns with the standards of the CDC and the KDHE. If you are feeling ill, please stay home or in your car with the windows rolled up.

