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**HOURS**

Monday/Wednesday  
 10am-7pm  
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 10am-5pm  
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 10am-2pm

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Used & collectable books  
 for sale.

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 10am-2pm

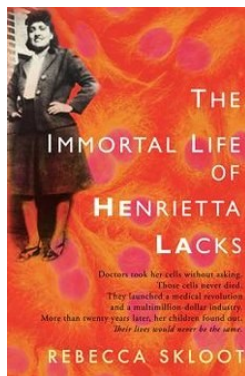
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**PATRON SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Patrons experiencing infectious diseases or their symptoms, such as the flu, may not enter the library until you have been at least 24 hours with a temperature below 100 F. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet between people. No food or beverage is allowed unless necessary for medical reasons. Please be aware that if the state puts restrictions on libraries, we may need to cancel events.

Let's Discuss...

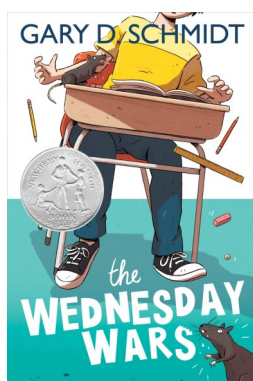


**Thursday, February 11th**  
**2-3pm**

**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**  
**By: Rebecca Skloot**

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells - taken without her knowledge in 1951 - became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance.

Let's Discuss  
**Jr.**



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**  
**5:30-6:30PM**

**The Wednesday Wars**  
**By: Gary D. Schmidt**

Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. Mrs. Baker doesn't like Holling - he's sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? But everyone has bigger things to worry about, like Vietnam. His father wants Holling and his sister to be on their best behavior: the success of his business depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with? A bully demanding cream puffs; angry rats; and a baseball hero signing autographs the very same night Holling has to appear in a play in yellow tights! As fate sneaks up on him again and again. Holling finds Motivation - the Big M - in the most unexpected places and musters up the courage to embrace his destiny, in spite of himself.



We are open and ready to serve you!



We have developed a disinfecting protocol in accordance with CDC guidelines and recommendations.

Protocol Actions Include:

1. All returned materials are disinfected with UV light before being returned to the library collection.
2. All staff wearing masks.
3. Frequent sanitizing of touched surfaces.
4. Social distancing marked on the floor.
5. Water fountain is turned off.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February 2021

**February 1:** Library Board of Trustees Meeting is a **virtual meeting**, 5pm; Let's Discuss Jr., "The Wednesday Wars" by Gary D. Schmidt, 5:30-6:30pm

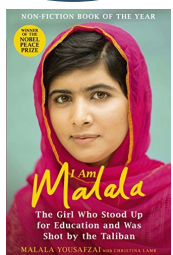
**February 2:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm

**February 9:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm

**February 11:** Let's Discuss, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot, 2-3pm

**February 16:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm

**February 23:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm



I am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

By: Malala Yousafzai, Christina Lamb

Thursday, March 11, 2021 2-3pm

I am Malala is the remarkable take of a family uprooted by Global Terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.



Let's Discuss JR



Across Five Aprils By: Trent Hunt

Monday, March 1, 2021 5:30-6:30pm

In 1861, America is on the cusp of war and young Jethro Creighton is just 9 years old. His brother, Tom, and his cousin, Eb, are both of fighting age. As Jethro's family is pulled into the conflict between the North and the South, loyalties are divided, dreams are threatened, and their bonds are put to the test in this heart wrenching, coming of age story.

**The BOOK NOOK**  
 - February Sale -  
 Children's and Youth Books  
 6 for \$1

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-JOHN LUBBOCK