

The background is an abstract composition of bold, textured color blocks. It features large areas of red, yellow, white, and brown, with some darker, more complex shapes in the upper left. The textures appear to be from various materials like paper, fabric, or paint, giving it a layered, tactile quality.

# UNFOLD

# THE ART ISSUE

**FALL 2025**  
SEPT/OCT/NOV



## **Main** | 574.282.4646

304 S. Main St., South Bend 46601

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 8 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sun: 1 PM - 5 PM

## **Centre Township\*** | 574.251.3700

1150 E. Kern Rd., South Bend 46614

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 7 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

\*Scheduled to re-open on September 2nd

## **Francis** | 574.282.4641

52655 N. Ironwood Rd., South Bend 46635

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 7 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

## **German Township** | 574.271.5144

52807 Lynnewood Ave., South Bend 46628

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 7 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

## **Lakeville** | 574.784.3446

120 N. Michigan St., Lakeville 46536

Mon-Thurs: 10 AM - 7 PM

Fri: 1 PM - 5 PM

Sat: 10 AM - 2 PM

## **LaSalle** | 574.282.4633

3232 W. Ardmore Tr., South Bend 46628

**Closed for Renovations**

## **North Liberty** | 574.656.3664

105 E. Market St., North Liberty 46554

Mon-Thurs: 10 AM - 7 PM

Fri: 1 PM - 5 PM

Sat: 10 AM - 2 PM

## **River Park** | 574.282.4635

2022 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend 46615

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 7 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

## **Tutt** | 574.282.4637

2223 Miami St., South Bend 46613

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 7 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

## **Western** | 574.282.4639

611 Lombardy Dr., South Bend 46619

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 7 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

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## UPCOMING CLOSINGS

All locations will be closed on these dates:

- **September 1st, Labor Day**
- **September 25th, Staff Day**
- **November 11th, Veterans Day**
- **November 26th, Early Closing 5 PM**
- **November 27th, Thanksgiving**

*All programs subject to change. Visit [sjcpl.org](http://sjcpl.org) for the most current information.*

*Design by Adrian Pacheco*

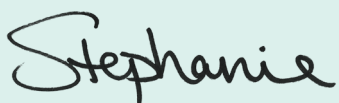
## Letter from the Executive Director

One of our strategic plan priorities is access. I love to think about this in non-traditional ways that lie beyond just access to books and buildings. In particular, I love to provide access to art. It's why we have regular collaborations with the South Bend Symphony, Southold Dance, the South Bend Civic Theatre, among others. Over the summer, we hosted a series of concerts across our branches to provide opportunities to experience live music in a world saturated with digital music.

One of the more subtle, quieter ways we've increased access, is by curating our visual art collection. Our River Park branch has long had an excellent collection, and you'll find some fine 3D and 2D art pieces at Francis branch. Even our smaller locations, like North Liberty and Lakeville have beautiful quilts and rustic art pieces. If you walk through the Main Library, you'll find the addition of work by South Bend artists that truly enhances the space. We activated a gallery on the second floor with a rotating exhibit of local art.

When our Centre Branch reopens, you'll discover works by some very talented Indiana artists in a variety of mediums. As we continue to update and renovate our buildings, acquisition of art will be a part of the process. As libraries continue to be one of the last places one can go and just be without any expectation of spending money, I hope you stop by, wander our buildings, and enjoy the art. And of course, check out our full slate of programming, which offers many opportunities to create art!

Happy reading,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie". The script is fluid and cursive.

Stephanie Murphy  
Executive Director



# Explore- a-Story

Featuring **Fischhoff's  
S.A.M. I Am, Stories  
& Music Program**



**FISCHOFF**

Immerse yourself in the  
story *My Heart Fills with  
Happiness* while  
exploring your library.

Enjoy a special  
performance of *A Bad  
Case of Stripes* by the  
Verona Quartet at 2:30pm

## *My Heart Fills With Happiness*

Monique Gray Smith  Illustrations by Julie Flett



**Saturday, November 15**

**1:00 - 4:30 PM**

Main Library | CLC





# Storytime, Playtime, & More!

Programs that Spark Joy & Learning, Crafted by  
Our Children's Librarians



## BABYTIME

(AGES 0-2)

### Main Library

Wednesdays & Fridays | 10:30 am

### Francis

Thursdays | 10:30 am

## TINY TUMBLERS

(AGES 0-2)

### Main Library

Monday, Sept 15 | 10:30 am

### Centre

Monday, Nov 3 | 10:30 am

## SENSORY TIME

(AGES 3-9)

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

### Main Library

CLC - Classroom C

Tuesday, Sept 16 | 5 pm

### Centre

Tuesday, Nov 18 | 5 pm

## STORYTIME

(AGES 3-5)

### Main Library

Thursdays | 10:30 am

Thursdays, Sept 4, Nov 6 | 5 pm

### Francis

Tuesdays & Wednesdays | 10:30 am

### German

Mondays, 10:30 am

### Lakeville

Sept 11, Nov 6, Nov 20 | 10:30 am

### North Liberty

Sept 4, Sept 18, Nov 13 | 10:30 am

### River Park

Thursdays, 10:30 am

### Tutt

Tuesdays, 10:30 am

### Western

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

**\* There will be a pause on ALL  
Early Literacy programming  
during the month of October.**

## PLAYTIME

(AGES 0-5)

### Main Library

Tuesdays, 10:30 am

### Francis

Mondays, Sept 8, Nov 10 | 10:30 am

### German

Wednesdays, Sept 10, Nov 12 | 10:30 am

### Lakeville

Wednesdays, Sept 17, Nov 19 | 10:30 am

### North Liberty

Wednesdays, Sept 3, Nov 5 | 10:30 am

### River Park

Wednesdays, Sept 17, Nov 19 | 10:30 am

### Tutt

Wednesday, Sept 24 | 5:30 pm

# Children

## Create Your Own AI Coloring Pages with the South Bend Code School Main Library-Story House

Saturday, September 6 | 10:30AM

Children (with help from a grown-up) will use AI to bring their imagination to life by generating custom black-and-white coloring pages they can print and color on the spot! Ages 3 - 11 are welcome.

## Talk With Your Baby\* Presented by the Robinson Community Learning Center Main Library-CLC-Classroom F

Sept 8, Sept 15, Sept 22, Sept 29, Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20, Oct 27 | 1:00PM

Come learn the importance of talking, singing, and playing with baby during a FREE 8 week parenting class. Babies are encouraged to attend with parent/caregiver.

## Dragon Tea Party Inspired by the Tea Dragon Society Series North Liberty Branch

Thursday, September 11 | 3:30PM

Fun, classic tea party evening with the Tea Dragons! Sip, craft and snack with us. Ages 6-12.

## Lego Builder Challenge Main Library-Story House

Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 5:00PM

Can you master the LEGO Builder Challenge? Test your building and creativity skills in 4 timed challenges with a theme, then share about your creations. Recommended for ages 8 to 12.

## Milestone Moments\* Presented by Logan Community Resources Main Library-CLC-Classroom B

Sept 15, Sept 22, Sept 29, Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20 | 10:00AM

Join our 8-week class that is designed to help your child accomplish gross motor milestones. Classes will teach caregivers new ways to encourage their child to achieve milestones. Ages birth to 3.

## Tiny Tumblers

### Main Library-Story House

Monday, September 15 | 10:30AM

Explore a wide variety of play materials specifically chosen for babies and toddlers. Recommended for ages 0-2.

## Lego Night

### Tutt Branch

Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20 | 4:00 PM

Join us each month for a new building challenge. Test your building and creativity skills. Recommended ages 6 and up.

## Fall into Puppetry\* with the South Bend Civic Theatre

### Main Library-Story House

Saturday, September 20 | 12:30PM

Shadow puppets, sock puppets, finger puppets, and stick puppets oh my! Join the South Bend Civic Theatre and create some of fall's most iconic characters in puppet form. Ages 6 to 12 are welcome.

## Sew Easy! Spooky Glove Monsters Main Library-Story House

Tuesday, September 23 | 4:00PM

Learn basic hand sewing skills while making and decorating your very own stuffed monster out of felt and a glove! No prior experience necessary. Recommended for ages 6-11.

## Yarn Wrapped Leaves and Critters Tutt Branch

Tuesday, September 23 | 5:00PM

Explore color and texture through yarn wrapping. You will make a leaf or critter decoration with multicolored yarn and various materials. Ages 6-11.

## Pirate Games & Skills with Entertaining History

### Main Library-Story House

Saturday, October 4 | 11:00AM

Play pirate games and learn skills seafarers used in the Golden Age of Piracy! Recommended for ages 8 - 12.

## Yarn Wrapped Leaves and Critters Centre Township Branch

Saturday, October 4 | 11:00AM

Explore color and texture through yarn wrapping. You will make a leaf or critter decoration with multicolored yarn and various materials. Ages 6-11.

## Music & a Story with the Euclid Quartet Giraffes Can't Dance

### Main Library-Story House

Monday, October 6 | 10:30AM

Enjoy the book Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae paired with music featuring the Euclid Quartet. Recommended for ages 3 - 8. Families are welcome.

## You-Decide Adventure Book Club

### Main Library-Story House

Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28 | 4:00PM

Enjoy a gamebook read-aloud and help decide which path the main character will take through the story! Come to one or come to them all. No prior reading required. Recommended for ages 6-11.

## Make a Korean Language (Hangul)

### Bookmark with the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies

### Main Library-Story House

Saturday, October 11 | 11:00AM

Celebrate Korean Alphabet Day by creating a beautiful bookmark with Korean characters. Ages 5 to 11 are welcome.

## Spooky Sensory Spectacular - Ages 3 - 8

### Main Library-Story House

Wednesday, October 15 | 5:00PM

Explore using your senses in this fun Halloween inspired sensory play. Recommended for ages 3-8.

## Spooky Sensory Spectacular - Ages 0 - 5

### Main Library-Story House

Wednesday, Oct 15 | 10:30AM

Explore using your senses in this fun Halloween inspired sensory play. Recommended for ages 0-5

## Pokémon Lunch Bunch Centre Township Branch

Oct 18, Nov 15 | 11:00AM

Bring your lunch and enjoy all things Pokemon! Trade cards, play decks, join in party play or remote raids, or just meet friends and share your love of Pokémon. Tailored toward ages 6-11.

## Busy Fall Wildlife With the St. Joseph County Parks

### River Park Branch

Saturday, October 25 | 11:00AM

Join a naturalist from St. Joseph County Parks to discover how animals get ready for winter. Make discoveries and experience how animals keep warm with the blubber glove experiment! Ages 6-11.

## Eerie Imaginings Ceremony Spooky Short Story Writing Contest

### Main Library-Story House

Wednesday, October 29 | 6:00PM

Join us in our spooky Story House to celebrate the Eerie Imaginings contest! Finalists will share their stories and prizes will be awarded. Light refreshments. Ages 8-18.

## Tiny Tumblers

### Centre Township Branch

Monday, November 3 | 10:30AM

Explore a wide variety of play materials specifically chosen for babies and toddlers. Recommended for ages 0-2.

## Stretch, Jump & Dance\* with Southold Dance Theater

### Main Library-Story House

Wednesday, November 5 | 4:30PM

Join Southold Dance Theater for a mini movement class and watch dancers perform excerpts from this year's production of The Nutcracker Ballet. Registration required. Ages 5 - 11.

## Cuentos y Cantos - Stories & Songs with I Heart Spanish

### Main Library-Story House

Monday, November 10 | 10:30AM

Join Senora Velasco as she shares bilingual songs and stories. Learn numbers, letters and greetings in Spanish. Spanish and non-Spanish speakers are welcome. Recommended for ages 3 to 5.

## Busy Fall Wildlife With the St. Joseph County Parks

### Lakeville Branch

Saturday, November 1 | 11:00AM

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# Fright Night

**FNAF, Frights, and Food**  
Thursday, October 2 | **4:30 PM**

**Special Effects Makeup Tutorial**  
Thursday, October 9 | **5:00 PM**

**Craft a Miniature Haunted House**  
Thursday, October 16 | **5:00 PM**

**Fright Night at the Library**  
Thursday, October 23 | **5:30 PM**  
Join us for a FRIGHTfully fun party in The Cube!  
Don your scariest ensemble to enjoy pizza,  
dancing, a photobooth, and more!

All events will be hosted in the Main Library's  
Teen Room, **ages 12 - 18**



**Busy Fall Wildlife** With the St. Joseph  
County Parks  
**Francis Branch**  
Saturday, November 22 | 11:00AM  
Join a naturalist from St. Joseph County  
Parks to discover how animals get  
ready for winter. Make discoveries and  
experience how animals keep warm with  
the blubber glove experiment! Ages 6-11.

**Music, Feathers, & Fun - Tales + Tunes  
with the Symphony** Presented by the  
Shein Trust Community Series  
**Main Library-Story House**  
Saturday, November 22 | 12:00PM  
Step into the whimsical world of Prince  
Ivan and the Firebird as the Symphony  
staff reads the enchanting story of the  
Firebird. Stay for a creative activity  
afterward! Ages 3 and up are welcome.

**Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament**  
**Main Library -Teen Room**  
Tuesday, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4 | 5:30PM  
Put your gaming skills to the test as  
you battle others in Super Smash Bros.  
Ultimate. Food and drinks provided while  
supplies last.

**Cozy Crafting**  
**Main Library-Teen Room**  
Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18 | 4:30PM  
Drop in on the 3rd Tuesday of each month  
to chill, unwind, craft with others, and  
build new friendships! Snacks and drinks  
provided while supplies last.

**Special Effects Makeup Workshop Just  
Like the Movies!**  
**Francis Branch**  
Tuesday, September 16 | 4:00PM  
Learn a brief history of effect makeup  
then create super realistic movie quality  
cuts and gashes with makeup, latex paint  
and tissue. Ages 12-18.

**Pumpkinpalooza with Professional  
Carver Andy Manoloff**  
**Lakeville Branch**  
Tuesday, September 30 | 5:30PM  
Professional pumpkin carver, Andy  
Manoloff will demonstrate his carving  
techniques while decorate your own  
pumpkin to take home. Light snack will be  
provided. Ages 12 - 18.

**FNAF, Frights, and Food Fright Night  
Series**  
**Main Library-Teen Room**  
Thursday, October 2 | 4:30PM  
Feed your inner Freddy Fazbear with fun  
food as we rank recipes from the FNAF  
Cookbook. Snacks and drinks provided  
while supplies last.

**Pumpkinpalooza with Professional  
Carver Andy Manoloff**  
**Western Branch**  
Wednesday, October 8 | 4:00PM  
Professional pumpkin carver, Andy  
Manoloff will demonstrate his carving  
techniques while you decorate your own  
pumpkin to take home. Light snacks will  
be provided. Ages 12 - 18.

**Special Effect Makeup Tutorial Fright  
Night Series**  
**Main Library-Teen Room**  
Thursday, October 9 | 5:00PM  
Learn the basics of special effects makeup  
by creating a prosthetic wound out of  
Liquid Latex.

**Create Your Own Wearable Art**  
**German Township Branch**  
Tuesday, October 14 | 4:00PM  
Create a one-of-a-kind bandana using  
flowable paint and resist techniques.  
Please note dye will stain but protective  
clothing and gloves will be provided. Light  
snack provided. Ages 12-18.

**Craft a Miniature Haunted House Fright  
Night Series**  
**Main Library-Teen Room**  
Thursday, October 16 | 5:00PM  
Craft a spine-chilling miniature haunted  
house. Bring your haunted abode to life  
with eerie charm, intricate details, and  
ghostly ambiance. A spooky array of  
materials will be provided.

**Create Your Own Wearable Art**  
**Centre Township Branch**  
Thursday, October 16 | 5:00PM  
Create a one-of-a-kind bandana using  
flowable paint and resist techniques.  
Please note dye will stain but protective  
clothing and gloves will be provided. Light  
snack provided. Ages 12-18.

## Teen

**Bingo!**  
**Main Library-Teen Room**  
Wednesdays | 4:30PM  
Join us every Wednesday for a chance to  
earn fun small prizes and socialize with  
others!

**Dungeons & Dragons**  
**Main Library -Teen Room**  
First & Third Saturdays of Month | 1:00PM  
Come to the Teen Room on the 1st and  
3rd Saturday of the month to learn about  
a new playable race or class in D&D,  
create your own character, and use that  
character to play a mini-game!

### **Fright Night at the Library** Fright Night Series

#### **Main Library-Teen Room**

Thursday, October 23 | 5:30PM

Join us for a FRIGHTfully fun party in The Cube! Don your scariest ensemble to enjoy pizza, crafts, trivia, a photobooth, and more!

### **Pumpkinpalooza** with Professional

Carver Andy Manoloff

#### **River Park Branch**

Tuesday, October 28 | 4:00PM

Professional pumpkin carver, Andy Manoloff will demonstrate his carving techniques while you decorate your own pumpkin to take home. Light snacks will be provided. Ages 12 - 18.

### **Special Effects Movie Makeup** Create

Realistic Wounds with Makeup!

#### **North Liberty Branch**

Thursday, October 30 | 5:00PM

Learn a brief history of effect makeup then create super realistic movie quality cuts and gashes with makeup, latex paint and tissue. Ages 12-18.

### **Mini Zen Garden Workshop**

#### **Main Library-Teen Room**

Saturday, November 8 | 1:00PM

Zen gardens provide a calming and visually stimulating environment, to reduce stress, enhance focus, & improve mood. We provide the materials, you create the Zen.

### **Special Effects Movie Makeup** Create

Realistic Wounds with Makeup!

#### **Tutt Branch**

Wednesday, November 12 | 4:00PM

Learn a brief history of effect makeup then create super realistic movie quality cuts and gashes with makeup, latex paint and tissue. Ages 12-18.

## **Adult**

### **Writers' Critique Meet\***

#### **Main Library-CLC-Classroom B**

Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2\* | 6:30PM

Are you a writer looking for critique partners? Join our monthly Writers' Critique Meet to read a sample of your writing and get immediate feedback from your peers. \*Dec 2nd session will be held in Classroom D of the CLC.

### **Afternoon English Conversation Group**

#### **Main Library-CLC-Classroom C**

Sept 3, Sept 17, Oct 1, Oct 15, Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 17 | 3:00PM

English Conversation Group allows English language learners to practice English together. Each meeting will have a conversation topic.

### **Build A Board Game!\***

#### **Main Library-Studio 304**

Sept 3, Sept 10, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 5, Nov 19 | 6:00PM

Combine your talents with other creatives in Studio 304 to design and fabricate a board game!

### **Yoga for EveryBODY**

#### **Main Library-CLC-Ballroom**

Sept 3, Sept 10, Sept 17, Oct 1, Oct 8, Oct 22, Oct 29, Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 19 | 5:30PM

Community yoga classes offered with the aim of making yoga accessible to all.

### **Crafting Connections** Scary-Not-Scary Screenprinting

#### **River Park Branch**

Thursday, September 4 | 5:30PM

Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

### **French Language Conversation Group\***

Francophones of Michiana

#### **Main Library-CLC-Classroom A**

Sept 4, Sept 11, Sept 18, Oct 2, Oct 9, Oct 16, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 4, Dec 11 | 6:30PM

Join us to practice your French language skills and meet others in our community learning the language!

### **Preservation - Khamaali Vernon Solo Exhibition**

#### **Main Library-2nd Floor Gallery**

Thursday, September 4 | 5:30PM

Preservation is a solo exhibition featuring a series of black-and-white photographs and mixed media works drawn from an ongoing long-term project.

### **Mesa Virtual de Conversacion en**

**Espanol\*** Virtual Spanish Conversation Table

#### **Zoom**

Sept 9, Sept 16, Sept 23, Sept 30, Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 18 | 3:00PM

If you're interested in practicing authentic conversation in Spanish, this group is for you. Listen to an interesting, informal presentation in Spanish, then discuss in small groups.

### **Silent Reading Society**

#### **Howard Park**

Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 12 | 5:00PM

A monthly gathering to share what you're reading then settle in for an hour of silent, sustained reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize, or not!

### **Evening English Conversation Group\***

#### **Main Library-CLC-Classroom C**

Sept 10, Sept 24\*, Oct 8, Oct 22, Nov 12 | 5:30PM

English Conversation Group allows English language learners to practice English together. Each meeting will have a conversation topic. For more information, email [m.rangel@sjcpl.org](mailto:m.rangel@sjcpl.org). Sept. 24th session will be held in Classroom A of the CLC.

### **Searching Local Death Records\***

#### **Main Library-CLC-Classroom B**

Wednesday, September 10 | 6:30PM

Explore a variety of genealogical records that document your St. Joseph County ancestors.

### **Wildcrafting Aromas: A Natural Fragrance Workshop**

#### **German Township Branch**

Thursday, September 11 | 5:30PM

Discover the art of creating natural fragrances in this hands-on workshop! Using herbs, spices, flowers, and other ingredients—you will craft your own fragrances free of synthetic chemicals.

### **Docs and Discussion with WNIT**

Remember When: Playland Park

#### **Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**

Monday, September 15 | 6:00PM

WNIT's one hour documentary explores the history of Playland Park, a now-defunct amusement park in South Bend. Conversation and refreshments to follow.

### **The Write Space\*** Zoom

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov 18 | 7:00PM

A virtual support group for writers and aspiring writers. Join our Zoom meeting to participate in writing prompts, chatting, and dreaming about next steps in your writing life.

### **No Experience Necessary: Art Club for Adults\*** with the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art

#### **Tutt Branch**

Wednesday, September 17 | 5:30PM

Explore the art of metal embossing, no experience necessary! Come ready to make, discuss, and get inspired by art as you flex your creative muscles in this hands-on session.

### **Open Access for Creatives\***

#### **Main Library-CLC-Beutter-Kernan Hall**

Wednesday, September 17 | 6:00PM

An introduction to Open Access (OA): the free and unrestricted sharing of artistic and creative works, allowing others to view, use, and build upon them without legal or financial barriers.

### **Eviction and Housing Legal Clinic**

Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

#### **River Park Branch**

Thursday, September 18 | 1:00PM

Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Monster Movie Mixer & Writing**

Workshop with Special Guest Grace

Downey, Readers' Services Librarian

#### **River Park Branch**

Thursday, September 18 | 5:30PM

What makes a monster monstrous? Through discussion and short writing exercises, you'll analyze iconic monsters and start crafting your own unforgettable creature characters.

### **Resumes & Resources**

#### **North Liberty Branch**

Thursday, September 18 | 5:30PM

A workshop aimed to help people learn what goes into a good resume and what resources the library has that could help you in the job searching process. There will be extra time for hands-on work.

### **The Story Exchange\*** a Story Sharing Session

#### **Main Library-CLC-Beutter-Kernan Hall**

Saturday, September 20 | 1:00PM

Calling all story tellers! This is a chance to share a 5-minute story following the theme "Class in Session." All are welcome to join and listen. Registration required to share a story.

### **SJCPL Online Book Group\*** Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya

#### **Zoom**

Monday, September 22 | 8:00PM

This coming of age novel follows a young boy in New Mexico in the 1940s as he questions his faith and beliefs after a curandera woman introduces herbs and magic into his life.



**Crafting Connections Scary-Not-Scary Screenprinting**  
**Francis Branch**  
 Tuesday, September 23 | 5:30PM  
 Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

**Discovering Michiana's Aging Resources\*** Presented by Aging Connections  
**Main Library-CLC-Beutter-Kernan Hall**  
 Tuesday, September 23 | 3:30PM  
 Aging Connections: A Hidden Gem for Free Aging Resources and Education with Malana Maher, President and Founder of Aging Connections of Michiana.

**Books on Tap**  
**The Cellar Wine Bar & Kitchen**  
 Thursday, September 25, Thursday, October 30 | 7:00PM  
 Literary discussions and heady libations on the last Thursday of each month. Follow us on Facebook or ask to be added to our email for location for that month.

**Monday Night Rewind: Totally Tubular '80s Halloween Series!** Ghostbusters (1984). Rated PG.  
**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**  
 Monday, September 29 | 6:00PM  
 It's time to get spooky 1980s style! Join us for a wicked-cool fall screening series featuring three iconic supernatural flicks that helped to define the neon decade.

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**SJCPL Community Repair Fair**  
**Main Library-CLC-Ballroom**  
 Sunday, October 12 | 1:00PM  
 Don't toss it—fix it! Bring your broken bikes, torn clothes, sad houseplants, or wobbly furniture to our Community Repair Fair. Let's reduce waste and build a culture of repair together!

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**Demystifying Menopause**  
 presented by Sara Bajuyo, MD & Elizabeth Lindenman, MD  
**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**  
 Tuesday, October 14 | 6:00PM  
 Myth-bust menopause with Dr. Sara Bajuyo & Dr. Elizabeth Lindenman. Whether you're going through it, looking to support someone who is, or just curious, this program is for you!

**Discovering Michiana's Aging Resources** Presented by Aging Connections  
**Main Library-CLC-Beutter-Kernan Hall**  
 Tuesday, October 14 | 3:30PM  
 Get to Know REAL Services, with Carrissa Fields, Community Health Worker

**2025 MHAM Fall Summit - Responding to the Times\***: Policy, Funding, and Collaboration Considerations  
**Main Library - CLC**  
 Thursday, October 16 | 8:30AM  
 The 2025 Summit will focus on threats to maintaining services to meet community needs and creative solutions to stabilize organizational capabilities. Presented by Mental Health Awareness of Michiana



**L A B S**

**Fluffy Flapjack Phenomenon!** Learn about math, temperature, measurements and chemical reactions in this STEAM lab by cooking up some pancakes! Enjoy the flapjacks at the end of the lab and take home a recipe card.

**For Ages 8-12**

**Tinker.  
Build.  
Create.**

**Western Branch** • Wednesday, 3:30pm  
 September 3

**Lakeville Branch** • Thursday, 4pm  
 September 4

**Tutt Branch** • Wednesday, 4pm  
 October 1

**North Liberty Branch** • Thursday, 4pm  
 October 2

**River Park Branch** • Tuesday, 4pm  
 October 7

**German Branch** • Wednesday, 4pm  
 November 5

**Francis Branch** • Thursday, 4:30pm  
 November 6

**Centre Branch** • Saturday, 11am  
 November 8

**Positive Action Towards Health for Seniors (PATHS)\*** A Self-Management Resource Program

**Centre Township Branch**

Oct 17, Oct 24, Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14, Nov 21 | 9:30AM

A 6-week class for adults age 60+ with one or more chronic conditions. With group support, learn techniques to manage a wide variety of symptoms. Free workbook included! Offered by REAL Services, Inc.

**No Experience Necessary: Art Club for Adults\*** with the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art

**Western Branch**

Wednesday, October 22 | 5:30PM

Explore the art of metal embossing—no experience necessary! Come ready to make, discuss, and get inspired by art as you flex your creative muscles in this hands-on session.

**Crafting Connections** Scary-Not-Scary Screenprinting

**Lakeville Branch**

Thursday, October 23 | 5:30PM

Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

**Eviction and Housing Legal Clinic**

Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

**Tutt Branch**

Thursday, October 23 | 1:00PM

Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Knit Happens** A Cozy (Beginner's) Knitting Class

**Main Library-CLC-Classroom E**

Saturday, October 25 | 1:00PM

Learn the timeless skill of knitting in this hands-on workshop for beginners! As the weather cools down, there's no better time to start stitching. All materials provided!

**The Story Exchange\*** a Story Sharing Session

**Main Library-CLC-Beutter-Kernan Hall**

Saturday, October 25 | 1:00PM

Calling all story tellers! This is a chance to share a 5-minute story following the theme "What Haunts You." All are welcome to join and listen. Registration required to share a story.

**Beginning Genealogy**

**North Liberty Branch**

Monday, October 27 | 5:30PM

Begin climbing your family tree with an introduction to genealogy research.

**Monday Night Rewind: Totally Tubular '80s Halloween Series!** Poltergeist (1982). Rated PG.

**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**

Monday, October 27 | 6:00PM

It's time to get spooky 1980s style! Join us for a wicked-cool screening series featuring three iconic supernatural films that helped to define the neon decade.

**SJCPL Online Book Group\*** Diamond

Doris: The True Story of the World's Most Notorious Jewel Thief by Doris Payne

**Zoom**

Monday, October 27 | 8:00PM

The larger-than-life personality behind jewel heists that remained unsolved for years shares how a young southern black woman pulled off diamond robberies and used nuns to break out of prison.

**Crafting Connections** Scary-Not-Scary Screenprinting

**Tutt Branch**

Thursday, October 30 | 5:30PM

Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

**Crafting Connections** Scary-Not-Scary Screenprinting

**North Liberty Branch**

Thursday, November 6 | 10:30AM

Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

**Monster Movie Mixer & Writing**

**Workshop** with Special Guest Grace

Downey, Readers' Services Librarian

**Centre Township Branch**

Thursday, November 6 | 5:30PM

What makes a monster, monstrous? Through discussion and short writing exercises, you'll analyze iconic monsters and start crafting your own unforgettable creature characters.

**Monday Night Rewind: Totally Tubular '80s Halloween Series!** Beetlejuice (1988). Rated PG.

**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**

Monday, November 10 | 6:00PM

It's time to get spooky 1980s style! Join us for a wicked-cool screening series featuring three iconic supernatural films that helped to define the neon decade.

# REPAIR FAIR

**Sunday, October 12**  
**1:00 - 3:30 PM**  
Main Library - CLC

**Don't toss it—fix it!** Bring your broken bikes, torn clothes, sad houseplants, or wobbly furniture to our Community Repair Fair. Let's reduce waste and build a culture of repair—together!





**Explore Augmented Reality for Seniors!**  
**Main Library-Studio 304**

Wednesday, November 12 | 6:00PM

Learn a unique way to share messages, memories, and stories by blending the digital world with reality to create interactive experiences. All supplies are provided!

**No Experience Necessary: Art Club for Adults\*** with the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art

**Francis Branch**

Wednesday, November 12 | 5:30PM

Explore the art of metal embossing—no experience necessary! Come ready to make, discuss, and get inspired by art as you flex your creative muscles in this hands-on session.

**Resumes & Resources**

**Tutt Branch**

Thursday, November 13 | 5:30PM

A workshop aimed to help people learn what goes into a good resume and what resources the library has that could help you in the job searching process. There will be extra time for hands-on work.

**Docs and Discussion with WNIT**

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi: A Song for Everything

**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**

Monday, November 17 | 6:00PM

WNIT's one hour documentary explores the enduring impact of Potawatomi culture through the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Conversation and refreshments to follow.

**Discovering Michiana's Aging**

**Resources** Presented by Aging Connections

**Main Library-CLC-Beutter-Kernan Hall**

Tuesday, November 18 | 3:30PM

Discovering How Alzheimer's and Dementia Services of Northern Indiana (ALZNI) Assists our Area Caregivers, with Judi Riboni.

**Crafting Connections Scary-Not-Scary**

Screenprinting

**Western Branch**

Thursday, November 20 | 5:30PM

Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

**Eviction and Housing Legal Clinic**

Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

**Western Branch**

Thursday, November 20 | 1:00PM

Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Genealogy Coffee Chat**

**Main Library-CLC-Classroom A**

Saturday, November 22 | 9:00AM

Meet with fellow genealogists to share success stories and brick walls.

**The Story Exchange\*** a Story Sharing Session

**Main Library-CLC-Beutter-Kernan Hall**

Saturday, November 22 | 1:00PM

Calling all story tellers! This is a chance to share a 5-minute story following the theme "Gratitude" All are welcome to join and listen. Registration required to share a story.

# MONDAY NIGHT REWIND

Join us for a wicked screening series of three iconic supernatural flicks that defined the neon decade. All PG rated.

## Ghostbusters

September 29 | 6:00 - 8:30 PM

## Poltergeist

October 27 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

## Beetlejuice

November 10 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Main Library | CLC**  
**Leighton Auditorium**

**Resumes & Resources**

**Western Branch**

Thursday, December 11 | 5:30PM

A workshop aimed to help people learn what goes into a good resume and what resources the library has that could help you in the job searching process. There will be extra time for hands-on work.

## All Ages

**Our Universe Revealed** Presented by University of Notre Dame and IU South Bend

**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**

Tuesday, September 2 | 6:30PM

Explore some of the most exciting and cutting edge topics in scientific research. All are welcome!

**Fun with Fire Station Number 9**

**River Park Branch**

Saturday, September 6 | 1:00PM

Spend time with some of our local heroes. You'll meet firefighters from Station 9, get an up close view of a fire truck, enjoy a performance from a magician, and other fun activities!

**Branching Out Concert Series** Featuring Heyzeus

**Western Branch**

Wednesday, September 10 | 4:30PM

Join us for our Branching Out concert series at SJCP! We will be featuring live music from local musicians at the various library branches.

**OBERflot Recorder Consort Performance**

**Main Library-Story House**

Friday, September 12 | 4:00PM

Join us as we host OBERflot Recorder Consort in the Storyhouse! Performing a mix of popular and folk music arranged for recorder.

**Hibernation Vacation**

**German Township Branch**

Thursday, September 18 | 4:00PM

Join us for a presentation from Potawatomi Zoo (beginning at 4:00 pm) about how animals prepare for winter, then come into the library to participate in activities and crafts to learn more!

**Celebracion de la Herencia Hispana**  
**Western Branch**

Tuesday, September 30 | 4:30PM

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the contributions and diverse culture and histories of American Latinos. Join us for crafts/artesania, food/comida, music/musica, and games/juegos!

**An Evening with Yvonne Castaneda\***  
Culturally Speaking Author Series  
**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**  
Wednesday, October 1 | 6:00PM  
Join us for an evening with Yvonne Castaneda, author of Pork belly Tacos with a Side of Anxiety.

**Our Universe Revealed** Presented by University of Notre Dame and IU South Bend  
**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**  
Tuesday, October 7 | 6:30PM  
Explore some of the most exciting and cutting edge topics in scientific research. All are welcome!

**Tutt-O-Ween**  
**Tutt Branch**  
Thursday, October 9 | 4:30PM  
Enjoy an evening of fun Halloween activities and crafts including a storytime and a spooky movie.

**Fall Pumpkin Painting**  
**Lakeville Branch**  
Saturday, October 11 | 11:00AM  
Fall is in the air and pumpkins are ready for your artistry. Join us for an afternoon of pumpkin painting and treats.

**Halloween Heat Press\*** Create a Trick-or-Treat Bag!  
**Main Library-Studio 304**  
Wednesday, October 22 | 6:00PM  
Create trick-or-treat bags decorated with heat-transfer vinyl. All materials are provided!

**Shein Trust Listen + Learn Children's Concert Series** Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra  
**Main Library-Story House**  
Friday, October 24 | 4:00PM  
Join the South Bend Symphony's String Quintet as they perform a family-friendly concert in the cozy atmosphere of The Story House. All are welcome!

**Stitch In**  
**Centre Township Branch**  
Monday, October 27 | 3:00PM  
Explore the journey of yarn, from becoming wool to being stitched into a finished product. Swap fabrics, take part in activities, or bring your own projects. Beginners and experts are all welcome!

**Eerie Imaginings Ceremony** Spooky Short Story Writing Contest  
**Main Library-Story House**  
Wednesday, October 29 | 6:00PM  
Join us in our spooky Story House to celebrate the Eerie Imaginings contest! Finalists will share their stories and prizes will be awarded. Light refreshments. Ages 8-18.

**Shein Trust Listen + Learn Children's Concert Series** Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra  
**Main Library-Story House**  
Friday, October 31 | 4:00PM  
Join the South Bend Symphony's String Quintet as they perform a family-friendly concert in the cozy atmosphere of The Story House. All are welcome!

**Our Universe Revealed** Presented by University of Notre Dame and IU South Bend  
**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**  
Tuesday, November 4 | 6:30PM  
Explore some of the most exciting and cutting edge topics in scientific research. All are welcome!

**North Liberty Cooks**  
**North Liberty Branch**  
Saturday, November 8 | 10:00AM  
Our Annual North Liberty Cooks event is back! Join us for food presentations, activities, and more!

**Explore-a-Story** Featuring Fischhoff's S.A.M. I Am, Stories & Music Program  
**Main Library - CLC**  
Saturday, November 15 | 1:00PM  
Immerse yourself in a story while exploring your library and taking part in early literacy activities for ages 0-5 and caregivers. Stay later for an all ages music performance by Verona Quartet!

**Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association Performance**  
**Main Library - CLC**  
Saturday, November 15 | 2:30PM  
SJCPL welcomes Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association!

**Our Universe Revealed** Presented by University of Notre Dame and IU South Bend  
**Main Library-CLC-Leighton Auditorium**  
Tuesday, December 2 | 6:30PM  
Explore some of the most exciting and cutting edge topics in scientific research. All are welcome!

**Shein Trust Listen + Learn Children's Concert Series** Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra  
**Main Library-Story House**  
Friday, December 12 | 4:00PM  
Join the South Bend Symphony's String Quintet as they perform a family-friendly concert in the cozy atmosphere of The Story House. All are welcome!



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\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED





# MONSTER MOVIE MIXER & WRITING WORKSHOP

**September 18**  
5:30pm - 6:30 PM

**River Park Branch**  
Meeting Room

**November 6**  
5:30 - 6:30 PM

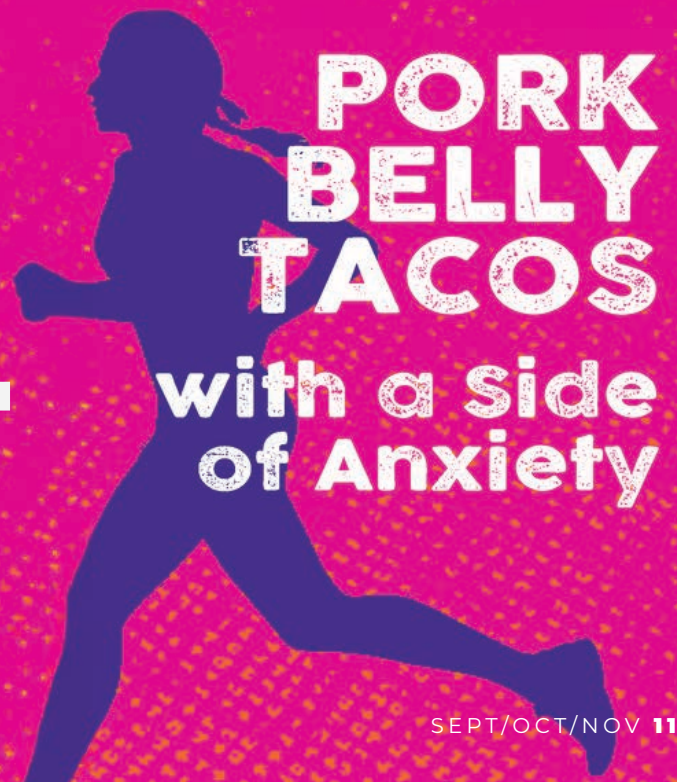
**Centre Township Branch**  
Small Meeting Room

Discuss, write, and analyze iconic monsters while crafting your own unforgettable creature characters.



with **Yvonne Castañeda**

**Wednesday, October 1st**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
Leighton Auditorium





# YOUR ART Belongs Here

**Libraries are not simply book warehouses;** they are places to connect with new ideas, stories, and...art?

Next time you're in your favorite library branch, pause for a moment and look around. You'll likely spot artwork hanging on the walls, some vibrant, some subdued, all of it chosen with intention. Look a little closer and you might notice a common thread: much of it was created by area artists.

It serves as decor, yes. But more than that, it's part of the library's collection. On display. Accessible. Shared.

## **Why?**

The answer lies in the mission of St. Joe County Public Library: To connect members of our diverse community to learning, resources, culture, and each other. Not just through books, but through ideas in all of their forms, including art. In order for us to accomplish this mission, the library needs to create space for art on our walls, in our programming, and in the services we provide.

When the Main Library reopened after its major renovation, a few new additions changed the way we bring art into the space. The Second Floor Gallery serves as a more traditional exhibit space, primarily showcasing rotating exhibits of 2D works by local artists. Right next to the main entrance, the smARTbox invites visitors into interactive art experiences which are sometimes collaborative, sometimes tactile, but always engaging.







To help ensure these galleries are being utilized to their full potential, the library brought in Kamika Perry to assist in gallery curation and coordination. An abstract painter herself, Perry exhibited her work in the Second Floor Gallery before stepping into her role as Creative Spaces Coordinator last fall. She now curates the very space where her own art once hung.

“The library has made sure that art is a central part of our programming, which is very beneficial,” Perry said. “A lot of thought went into the making of these galleries. Multiple patrons who have exhibited their art here have told me about how important a role art plays in their lives.”

These galleries provide more than just an inspirational atmosphere. For artists, it's also an opportunity, especially for those still early in their journey. In June, St. Joe County Public Library hosted its inaugural Community Curated Exhibition in the Second Floor Gallery. For many of the exhibiting artists, this was the first time they had ever presented their work in public. This not only gave them experience that can help them gain access to exclusive galleries and art fairs, but it also allowed them to share their stories.



The walls aren't the only place you'll find art at SJ CPL. Crafting and art programs like Crafting Connections and Tropical Terrariums for Adults make art in all its forms more accessible, removing the barrier of cost and creating space to connect with others through creativity. Studio 304, our makerspace at Main Library, opens up access to design tools, photography equipment, and digital arts software.

**Sure, the library is still full of books. But stories come in many forms. Sometimes they're framed and hanging on a wall. And sometimes, we just want to give you the tools to create your own.**



# Check out these Fall Signature Events

## FUN WITH FIRE STATION NUMBER 9

September 6 | River Park

## HIBERNATION VACATION

September 18 | German

## HISPANIC

HERITAGE CELEBRATION

September 30 | Western

## *Tutt-O-Ween*

October 9 | Tutt

## Pumpkin Painting

October 11 | Lakeville

## *Stitch In*

October 27 | Centre

## NORTH LIBERTY COOKS

November 8 | North Liberty



# FIND YOUR PEOPLE

*Join a club!*

**Looking to connect with others who share your interests?** Join one of our patron-led clubs! These clubs are organized by passionate community members, so expect a relaxed, welcoming environment where you can meet new friends and explore shared hobbies.



## BOOKS

FANTASY  
HISTORY

## GAMES

CHESS  
EUCHRE  
BINGO  
LEGO

## MOVIES

CINEMATES  
THEATRE  
IMPROMPTU  
SOCIETY

## CRAFTS

KNITTING  
QUILTING  
CREATIVE

## LANGUAGE

SPANISH  
FRENCH

***DON'T SEE A CLUB FOR YOU?*** Ask library staff about how to start your own!

*Patron-led clubs are organized by community members, not library staff.*

# STUDIO 304

## Build A Board Game!\*

Wednesdays, Sept 3, Sept 10, Oct 1,  
Oct 8, Nov 5, Nov 19 | 6 - 7 pm

## Halloween Heat Press\* - Create a Trick-or-Treat Bag!

Wednesday, Oct 22 | 6 - 7 pm

## Explore Augmented Reality\* - for Seniors!

Wednesday, Nov 12 | 6 - 7 pm

\*Registration Required



# EERIE IMAGININGS SPOOKY SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

Does your notebook twitch with  
strange scribbles after dark?

**Entry Window**  
Sept. 2nd – Oct. 2nd

Channel those bumps in the night into our **Eerie Imaginings Spooky Story Contest!** Each fall, young writers (grades 3-12) are welcome to submit a terrifying tale (1-3 pages) to delight and fright readers of all ages.

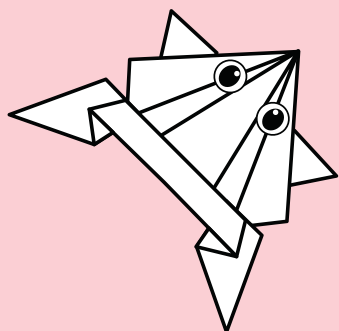


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your spooky story!

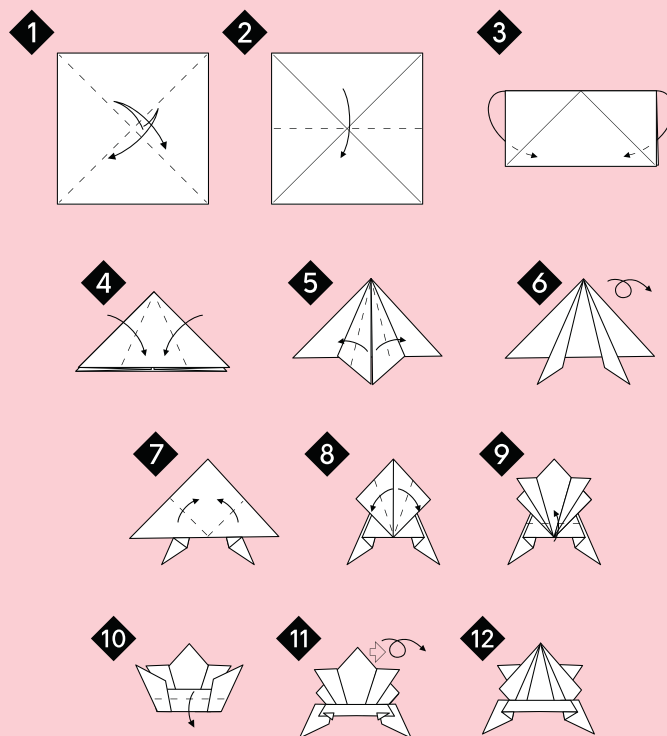




# CREATE YOUR OWN LIL' FROG



**Craft a froggy friend!**  
Cut along the dotted lines  
for a beautiful piece of  
origami paper. Follow the  
step by step guide and  
watch your buddy come to  
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Art by  
**Kamika Perry**

SEPT/OCT/NOV 17



An abstract painting featuring large, expressive brushstrokes in a vibrant color palette. The composition is dominated by warm tones: deep reds, bright yellows, and rich oranges. A prominent, dark, curved stroke, possibly black or dark blue, sweeps across the upper portion of the canvas. In the lower right, there's a textured, white or light-colored area that contrasts with the surrounding colors. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and bold artistic expression.

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