

# UNFOLD

WINTER 2025/26

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## **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

## **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:

- **December 24, Christmas Eve**
- **December 25, Christmas Day**
- **December 31 - 5PM Close, New Years Eve**
- **January 1, New Years Day**
- **January 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

*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

Happy Winter!

As winter sets in, I love to think of cozy nights reading my book by the fire; my husband working on his novel, my daughter on her homework. A cup of hot tea in hand and my American Eskimo dog sleeping nearby round out the image of an idyllic winter night.

While I occasionally have these types of evenings, the reality of winter is much different. The darkness on my way to and from work really gets to me. My instinct is to hunker down and hibernate. And I do mean hibernate—huddled under a blanket, isolated and alone.

The problem is—I'm not a bear. Hibernation is really not good for us humans. We're designed to be in community. In 2023, the US Surgeon General's advisory council released a paper on the epidemic of loneliness. It's actually worse for our health to be lonely than to drink six alcoholic beverages a day, and half of U.S. adults report experiencing loneliness. Social connection is a significant predictor of longevity and better physical, cognitive, and mental health, while social isolation and loneliness are predictors of premature death and poor health.

I'm confident that our library can help with this epidemic. It's why we work so hard to create programs that will get people out of the house and get them together to meet people with similar interests.

It's also why our staff work so hard to make you feel seen and welcome when you're in our buildings. They create opportunities to stop and chat with your neighbor while you're there. Stopping by your local branch and being greeted by a familiar staff person can make you feel less lonely.

I've resolved, this winter, to get out more instead of hunkering down—to attend events, meet new people, and connect with old friends. I'd encourage you to do the same.



Happy reading,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Murphy  
Executive Director

# SCIENCE *ALIVE*



**Saturday, February 7 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Main Library and Community Learning Center**

Explore science, technology, engineering and math through hands-on demonstrations and exhibits with local organizations.

**All ages welcome.**

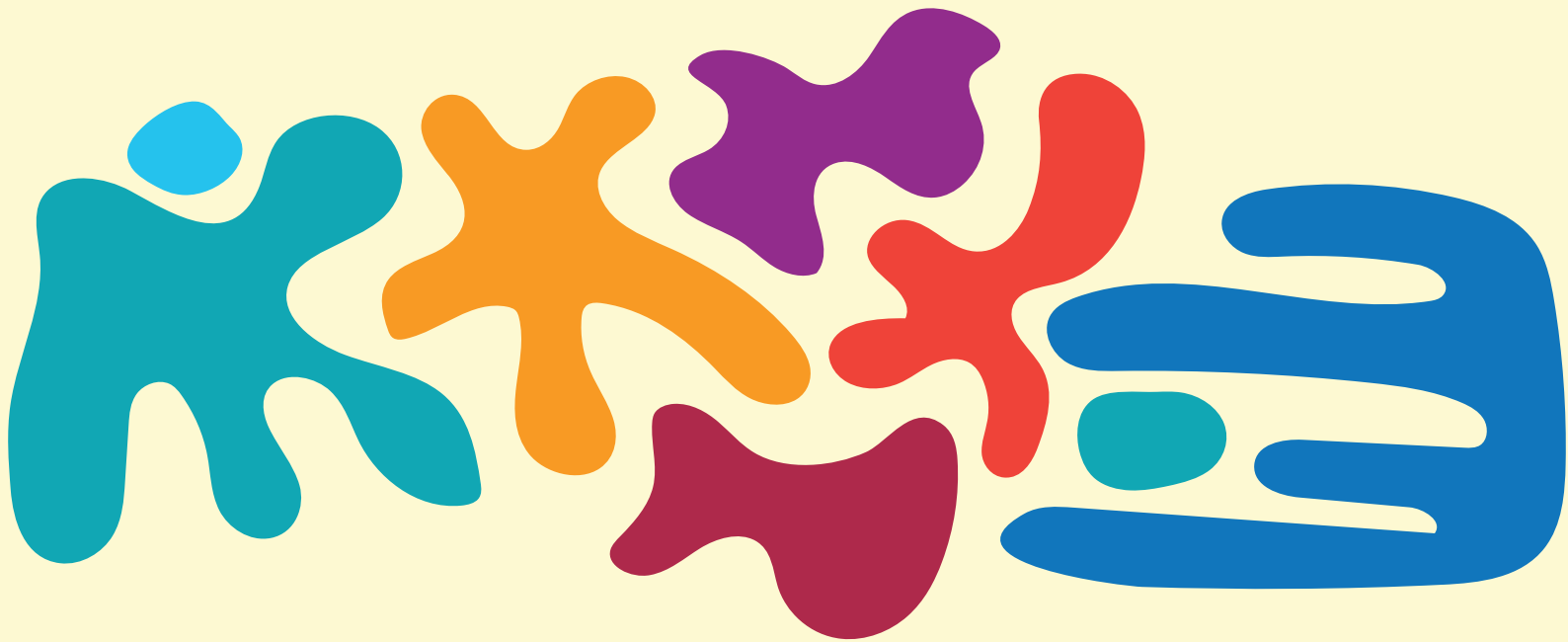


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the secrets of science!**



# 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

**Centre**

Tuesdays | 10:30 AM

## TINY TUMBLERS

(AGES 0-2)

**Main Library**

Monday, December 15 | 10:30 AM

**Francis**

Monday, January 12 | 10:30 AM

## SENSORY TIME

(AGES 3-9)

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

**Centre**

Tuesday, Dec 16, Jan 20 | 5 PM

## STORYTIME

(AGES 3-5)

**Main Library**

Thursdays | 10:30 AM

Thursdays, Dec 4, Jan 8 | 5 PM

**Centre**

Wednesdays | 10:30 AM

**Francis**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays | 10:30 AM

**German**

Mondays, 10:30 AM

**Lakeville**

Dec 4, Dec 18, Jan 15, Jan 29 | 10:30 AM

**North Liberty**

Dec 11, Jan 8, Jan 22 | 10:30 AM

**River Park**

Thursdays, 10:30 AM

**Tutt**

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM

**Western**

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

## PLAYTIME

(AGES 3-5)

**Main Library**

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM

**Centre**

Mondays, Dec 1, Jan 5 | 10:30 AM

**Francis**

Monday, Dec 8 | 10:30 AM

**German**

Wednesdays, Dec 10, Jan 14 | 10:30 AM

**Lakeville**

Wednesdays, Dec 17, Jan 21 | 10:30 AM

**North Liberty**

Wednesdays, Dec 3, Jan 7 | 10:30 AM

**River Park**

Wednesdays, Dec 17, Jan 21 | 10:30 AM

**Tutt**

Wednesday, January 28 | 5:30 PM

### Winter Programming Pause Notice

There will be a pause on all early literacy programming during **the entire month of February**



# Children

**Zumba for Kids!** with Marissa  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Monday, December 1 | 10:30 AM  
Dance, wiggle and play movement games with a certified Zumba instructor in our Storyhouse. Ages 3 - 8 welcome.

**SLiMe and Other Experiments** with the ND Chem Demo Team  
**Tutt Branch**  
Tuesday, December 2 | 5:00 PM  
Enjoy a hands-on science extravaganza! Create your own custom slime and compare your mixture with ooblek. The team will rapidly freeze flowers in nitrogen and make a spooky smoke bubble with dry ice!

**Talk With Your Baby\*** Presented by the Robinson Community Learning Center  
**Western Branch**  
Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, Dec. 23, Dec. 30, Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20 | 10:00 AM  
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.

**Incredible Inertia STEAM Lab**  
**Centre Township Branch**  
Saturday, December 6 | 11:00 AM  
Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz. Ages 8 - 12 recommended.

**STEAM and a Story: Gingerbread Houses**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Saturday, December 6 | 1:00 PM  
Join us for stories, rhymes, and cardboard building. By blending the art of storytelling and engineering, design and construct your own gingerbread house! Ages 5-11 are welcome.

**Anything But a Brush**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Monday, December 8 | 10:30 AM  
Discover new ways to paint with anything but a paintbrush! Learn the difference between Process and Product art by creating a masterpiece with your child. Recommended for children ages 0-5.

**Incredible Inertia STEAM Lab**  
**Western Branch**  
Wednesday, December 10 | 3:30 PM  
Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz. Ages 8 - 12 recommended.

**Mo Willems - Act the Story\*** Presented by the South Bend Civic Theatre  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Saturday, December 13 | 12:30 PM  
Dive into the world of the beloved characters of Mo Willems. Work on stage presence, voice, and movement through imaginative play and story dramatization. Registration recommended. Grades K - 3.

Visit [sjcpl.org/events](http://sjcpl.org/events) to confirm the date, time, and location of the program as events may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Pokémon Lunch Bunch**  
**Centre Township Branch**  
Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14 | 11:00 AM  
Bring your lunch and enjoy all things Pokémon! 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.

**Lego Builder Challenge**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Dec. 15, Jan. 26, Feb. 16 | 5:00 PM  
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.

**Lego Night**  
**Tutt Branch**  
Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 | 4:00 PM  
Join us each month for a new building challenge. Test your building and creativity skills. Recommended ages 6 and up.

**Weather Hunters** with PBS Michiana - WNIT  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Monday, December 22 | 2:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of WEATHER HUNTERS and conduct weather-related experiments and a craft.

**Storyhouse Winter Film Festival**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Tuesday, December 23 | 4:00 PM  
Get comfy at the storyhouse and enjoy a movie! How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

**Storyhouse Winter Film Festival**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Friday, December 26 | 3:00 PM  
Get comfy at the storyhouse and enjoy a movie! Dog Man (PG)

**Countdown to Noon**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Saturday, December 27 | 11:30 AM  
3...2...1... Happy New Year! Bring your child to celebrate and experience a Countdown to Noon. Recommended for ages 3-8

**Storyhouse Winter Film Festival**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Tuesday, December 30 | 4:00 PM  
Get comfy at the storyhouse and enjoy a movie! Encanto (PG)

**Storyhouse Winter Film Festival**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Friday, January 2 | 3:00 PM  
Get comfy at the storyhouse and enjoy a movie! Kung Fu Panda (PG)

**Incredible Inertia STEAM Lab**  
**Lakeville Branch**  
Saturday, January 3 | 11:00 AM  
Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz. Ages 8 - 12 recommended.

**Fresh New Kicks Shoe Design Contest** for Kids & Teens  
**Main Library**  
Tuesday, January 6 | 12:00 AM  
Each winter, creative minds in grades 3 - 12 are invited to unleash their inner sneakerhead in the Library's Fresh New Kicks contest! Submissions are accepted January 6 - February 3.

**Incredible Inertia STEAM Lab**  
**River Park Branch**  
Tuesday, January 6 | 4:00 PM  
Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz. Ages 8 - 12 recommended.

**Incredible Inertia STEAM Lab**  
**Tutt Branch**  
Wednesday, January 7 | 4:00 PM  
Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz. Ages 8 - 12 recommended.

**Incredible Inertia STEAM Lab**  
**North Liberty Branch**  
Thursday, January 8 | 4:00 PM  
Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz. Ages 8 - 12 recommended.

**Story Builders: Creative Writing & Bookbinding**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Saturday, January 17 | 2:00 PM  
Explore creative writing through collaborative storytelling games and writing prompts and make your very own DIY journal to take home with you! Recommended for ages 8-12.

**The Frog Prince\*** presented by Roz Puppets  
**Western Branch**  
Saturday, January 17 | 11:00 AM  
Join Roz Puppets for a fun, theatrical puppet show! This original story is about a frog prince on a quest to belong. \*Program closes when room capacity reached\* Ages 3 - 10.

**Happy Birthday America Crafts & Bingo**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Saturday, January 24 | 11:00 AM  
2026 is America's 250th Birthday, and we are celebrating. Make your own Liberty Bell, Bald Eagle and join in USA Bingo. Ages 6 to 12 are welcome.

**Cuentos y Cantos - Stories & Songs with I Heart Spanish**  
**Main Library - Story House**  
Monday, January 26 | 10:30 AM  
Join Señora 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.



**SLiMe and Other Experiments** with the ND Chem Demo Team

**Francis Branch**

Thursday, January 29 | 5:00 PM

Enjoy a hands-on science extravaganza! Create your own custom slime and compare your mixture with ooblek. The team will rapidly freeze flowers in nitrogen and make a spooky smoke bubble with dry ice!

**Incredible Inertia STEAM Lab**

**German Township Branch**

Wednesday, February 4 | 4:00 PM

Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz. Ages 8 - 12 recommended.

**Paws and Pages** with the Saint Joseph County Humane Society

**Centre Township Branch**

Thursday, February 5 | 4:00 PM

Party with a pomeranian and the St. Joe County Humane Society! Learn about fear free training, read a book with us and meet our friend Maude, a small fluffy dog.

**Music & a Story with the Euclid Quartet**

Florence Price

**German Township Branch**

Monday, February 9 | 10:30 AM

We are celebrating Black History Month with music and a story. Enjoy the book Who Is Florence Price? paired with music featuring the Euclid Quartet. Recommended for ages 3 - 8.

**The Frog Prince\*** presented by Roz Puppets

**River Park Branch**

Tuesday, February 10 | 4:00 PM

Join Roz Puppets for a fun, theatrical puppet show! This original story is about a frog prince on a quest to belong.

\*Program closes when room capacity reached\* Ages 3 - 10.

**Incredible Inertia STEAM Lab**

**Francis Branch**

Thursday, February 12 | 4:00 PM

Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz. Ages 8 - 12 recommended.

**ND Book Buddies**

**Main Library - Story House**

Saturday, February 14 | 11:00 AM

Celebrate reading with fun activities! Enjoy partner reading with a Notre Dame Book Buddy, crafting, and munching a yummy snack. Ages 3 - 11 are welcome.

**The Frog Prince\*** presented by Roz Puppets

**North Liberty Branch**

Thursday, February 19 | 4:00 PM

Join Roz Puppets for a theatrical puppet show! This original story is about a frog prince on a quest to belong. Ages 3 - 10.

\*Register to reserve your space. Doors close when room capacity reached\*

**Paws and Pages** with the Saint Joseph County Humane Society

**Lakeville Branch**

Saturday, February 21 | 11:00 AM

Party with a pomeranian and the St. Joe County Humane Society! Learn about fear free training, read a book with us and meet our friend Maude, a small fluffy dog.

**SLiMe and Other Experiments** with the ND Chem Demo Team

**German Township Branch**

Wednesday, February 25 | 5:00 PM

Enjoy a hands-on science extravaganza! Create your own custom slime and compare your mixture with ooblek. The team will rapidly freeze flowers in nitrogen and make a spooky smoke bubble with dry ice!

**Bluey's World\*** Presented by the South Bend Civic Theatre

**Main Library - Story House**

Saturday, February 28 | 12:30 PM

Get ready for an immersive experience into the world of Bluey! Kids will learn how to create magical scenes and games by using everyday items to make whole worlds and characters. Grades K - 3.

# Sounds of the Season

Come celebrate the season with us with music, stories, and creativity at the library.

**Saturday, December 06**  
**2:00pm - 4:00pm**  
Francis Branch





# Teen

## **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament**

Main Library - Teen Room  
Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3 | 4:30 PM  
Put your gaming skills to the test as you battle others in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate.

## **Mini Zen Garden create your own!**

North Liberty Branch  
Thursday, December 4 | 4:00 PM  
Create a table top Zen garden by building and decorating your own sand tray. Make your own mini rake and take your creation home to practice mindfulness on your own time. Ages 12-18.

## **Henna Art With Buttons Moon**

River Park Branch  
Tuesday, December 9 | 5:00 PM  
Learn how to create beautiful temporary body art with Henna. Learn all techniques and designs on paper. Henna may stain so gloves and aprons will be supplied. Ages 12-18 light snack provided.

## **Bingo**

Main Library - Teen Room  
Wednesdays | 4:30 PM  
Join us Wednesdays for a chance to earn fun small prizes and socialize with others! Hot chocolate provided while supplies last.

## **Sew a Soothing Rice Bag**

Main Library - Teen Room  
Thursday, December 11 | 5:00 PM  
Learn to use a sewing machine to create a soothing rice bag to be used as a heating pad or ice pack this winter. Keep for yourself or give as a gift. Perfect for beginners with no experience.

## **Cozy Crafting: Cardboard Gingerbread Houses**

Main Library - Teen Room  
Tuesday, December 16 | 4:30 PM  
Drop in on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to chill, unwind, craft with others, and build new friendships!

## **Journal Mayhem** Inspired by Keri Smith's

Wreck This Journal  
Lakeville Branch  
Wednesday, December 17 | 5:00 PM  
Learn mixed media artistic chaos! We provide the journal, prompts and supplies -you bring the wrecking. Everyone is an artist...especially when mayhem is the goal. Ages 12-18.

## **Journal Mayhem** Inspired by Keri Smith's

Wreck This Journal  
Centre Township Branch  
Thursday, December 18 | 4:00 PM  
Learn mixed media artistic chaos! We provide the journal, prompts and supplies -you bring the wrecking. Everyone is an artist...especially when mayhem is the goal. Ages 12-18.

## **Dungeons & Dragons**

Main Library - Teen Room  
First & Third Saturdays of Month | 1:00 PM  
Come to the Teen Room on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays 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!

## **Spark It Up With Squishy Circuits**

Main Library - Teen Room  
Monday, December 29 | 5:00 PM  
Bring your creations to life with conductive and insulating play-dough and learn the basics of electricity and circuits in this hands-on activity using Squishy Circuits. Ages 12-18.

## **Henna Art With Buttons Moon**

German Township Branch  
Wednesday, January 14 | 5:00 PM  
Learn how to create beautiful temporary body art with Henna. Learn all techniques and designs on paper. Henna may stain so gloves and aprons will be supplied. Ages 12-18. Light snack provided.

## **Cozy Crafting: Valentine's Day Cards & Picture Frames**

Main Library - Teen Room  
Tuesday, January 20 | 4:30 PM  
Drop in on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to chill, unwind, craft with others, and build new friendships!

## **Rad Ramen**

Main Library - Teen Room  
Thursday, January 22 | 5:00 PM  
Take your noodles to the next level with fresh and new ingredients. Learn knife skills to add taste, flavor, and heartiness during the cozy, cold winter months. Ages 12-18

## **Mini Zen Garden create your own!**

Tutt Branch  
Tuesday, January 27 | 4:00 PM  
Create a table top Zen garden by building and decorating your own sand tray. Make your own mini rake and take your creation home to practice mindfulness on your own time. Ages 12-18. Light snack.

## **Cozy Crafting: Felt Stuffies**

Main Library - Teen Room  
Tuesday, February 17 | 4:30 PM  
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Tuesday, February 24 | 4:00 PM  
Create a table top Zen garden by building and decorating your own sand tray. Make your own mini rake and take your creation home to practice mindfulness on your own time. Ages 12-18.

# VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICES FAIR

**Saturday, February 21 | 2 - 4 p.m.**  
**Main Library**  
**Community Learning Center**

Want to Make a Difference? Join us at the Volunteer & Community Services Fair! Connect with local organizations making a positive impact and explore volunteer opportunities in St. Joseph County.





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## Incredible Inertia!

Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a rollercoaster, blast off a small paper rocket, simulate a crash test, and use Air Toobz.

For Ages 8-12

**Tinker.**  
**Build.**  
**Create.**

**Centre Branch** • Saturday, 11am  
December 6

**Western Branch** • Wednesday, 3:30pm  
December 10

**Lakeville Branch** • Saturday, 11am  
January 3

**River Park Branch** • Tuesday, 4pm  
January 6

**Tutt Branch** • Wednesday, 4pm  
January 7

**North Liberty Branch** • Thursday, 4pm  
January 8

**German Branch** • Wednesday, 4pm  
February 4

**Francis Branch** • Thursday, 4pm  
February 12

# Adult

## **Celebrating Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice BBC Series**

Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2 | 6:00 PM  
Celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth with one of the most beloved adaptations! Join us for a special three-part screening of the BBC's Pride and Prejudice (1995).

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

Main Library - CLC - Classroom F  
Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3 | 6:30 PM  
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.

## **Crafting Connections** Colorful Beaded Suncatchers

Tutt Branch  
Wednesday, December 3 | 5:00 PM  
Crafting is better together! Bring some color to the winter at this beading extravaganza. Create a vibrant suncatcher using colorful beads and simple jewelry-making techniques.

## **3D Print Prep Challenge in PrusaSlicer\***

Studio 304  
Wednesday, December 3 | 6:00 PM  
Learn how 3D model files are prepared for print and then put that knowledge to the test in the Prusa Slicer Challenge!

## **Wigilia & Wonders: Polish Holiday Traditions** With Storytelling Librarian

Lindsay Taylor  
Centre Township Branch  
Thursday, December 4 | 5:30 PM  
Join Storytelling Librarian Lindsay Taylor for a festive journey into Polish holiday traditions! Discover the symbolism of hand-made ornaments, as you craft your own decorations to take home.

## **Getting Started Online: A Guide to Computer Basics** A Computer Literacy Series

Francis Branch  
Dec. 9, Dec. 16 | 10:30 AM  
Grow your skills in this two part Computer Basics Workshop! Master the essentials of connecting to the internet, searching for information, and browsing safely.

## **Making Your Life Into Speculative Fiction** with award-winning writer, Cat Rambo

Tutt Branch  
Tuesday, December 9 | 5:30 PM  
How can you use your own everyday existence to write a story that seems real, even when it's got otherworldly elements like cybernauts, dragons, or amorphous creatures from another dimension?

## **Build a Website 101\***

Studio 304  
Wednesday, December 10 | 6:00 PM  
Learn about the pros and cons of some of the most used website hosts and webpage building tools. Come up with a plan for your own website to meet your personal goals and needs.

## **Crafting Connections** Colorful Beaded Suncatchers

Francis Branch  
Wednesday, December 10 | 5:00 PM  
Crafting is better together! Bring some color to the winter at this beading extravaganza. Create a vibrant suncatcher using colorful beads and simple jewelry-making techniques.

## **Resumes & Resources**

Western Branch  
Thursday, December 11 | 5:30 PM  
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.

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## **The Story Exchange\***

Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Saturday, December 13 | 1:00 PM  
Calling all story tellers! This is a chance to share a 5-minute story following the theme "hope". All are welcome to join and listen. Registration requested to share a story.



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

Zoom

**Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17 | 7:00 PM**

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.

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With Storytelling Librarian

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River Park Branch

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### **3D Papercraft Ornaments\***

Going 3D in

Studio 304

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**Wednesday, December 17 | 6:00 PM**

Learn how to create 3D lettering in Blender

for design work, animation, or 3D printing.

### **Book Chat**

Guided by your Local Librarian!

Main Library

**Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18 | 1:00 PM**

Connect with fellow readers at our monthly book chat! Discuss and share reviews of your latest reads. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month, on the first floor of the Main Library.

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

Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

German Township Branch

**Thursday, December 18 | 1:00 PM**

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

### **Beginning Genealogy\***

Online!

Main Library

**Saturday, December 20 | 2:30 PM**

Begin climbing your family tree with an

introduction to genealogy research.

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### **Create 3D Lettering\***

Studio 304

**Wednesday, January 7 | 6:00 PM**

Learn how to create 3D lettering in Blender for design work, animation, or 3D printing.

### **Book Bedazzling Workshop**

In Partnership with Brain Lair Books

Western Branch

**Thursday, January 8 | 5:30 PM**

Ready to add some sparkle to your bookshelf? Celebrate all the books with a DIY book bedazzling extravaganza with Brain Lair Books!

### **Adventurers Wanted: Adult Dungeons & Dragons!**

and other RPGs!

Main Library - CLC - Ballroom

**Saturday, January 10 | 1:00 PM**

Step into a world of strategy and storytelling! Join your fellow adventurers for D&D and other RPGs. All experience levels are welcome. Campaigns will finish by the end of the event!

### **The Story Exchange\***

Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

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

### **Mixed-Media Printmaking Workshop\***

presented by South Bend Museum of Art

See Description for Location

**Jan. 12 and Jan. 14 | 5:00 PM**

Dive into a two-part workshop blending printmaking and drawing! Create a monotype at SBMA, then craft a mixed-media pastel piece at SJCPL using your print as the creative base.

### **Mastering Your Inbox: Learning Email Basics**

A Computer Literacy Series

Centre Township Branch

**Jan. 13, Jan. 20 | 10:30 AM**

Join us for this two part Email Basics Workshop. Learn to set up an account, send and organize messages, and some basic safety tips.

### **Crafting Connections**

Colorful Beaded

Suncatchers

Centre Township Branch

**Wednesday, January 14 | 1:00 PM**

Crafting is better together! Bring some color to the winter at this beading extravaganza. Create a vibrant suncatcher using colorful beads and simple jewelry-making techniques.

### **Introduction to Personal Finance**

In partnership with 1st Source Bank

Main Library - CLC - Classroom D

**Wednesday, January 14 | 5:30 PM**

Learn how to achieve financial wellbeing in this intro workshop! Discover budgeting basics, why paying yourself first matters, and how to take control of your money with confidence.

### **Make Personalized Merch\***

Studio 304

**Wednesday, January 14 | 6:00 PM**

Make a personalized keychain using the 3D printer. Learn about other project ideas such as magnets, pins, iron-ons, decals and more.

### **Making Your Life Into Speculative**

**Fiction** with award-winning writer, Cat

Rambo

Francis Branch

**Thursday, January 15 | 5:30 PM**

How can you use your own everyday existence to write a story that seems real, even when it's got otherworldly elements like cybernauts, dragons, or amorphous creatures from another dimension?

### **Genealogy Coffee Chat**

Main Library - CLC - Classroom A

**Saturday, January 17 | 9:00 AM**

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

### **Ask a Lawyer**

Presented by Volunteer

Lawyer Network

Check Website for Location

**Monday, January 19 | 1:00 PM**

Free legal advice to the public on a first come, first served basis, provided by attorneys from the Volunteer Lawyers Network.

### **Charm Sculpting in Nomad Sculpt\***

Studio 304

**Wednesday, January 21 | 6:00 PM**

Use the iPad Pro and Apple pencil to sculpt charms in 3D space. Then print them on our 3D printer!

### **Crafting Connections**

Colorful Beaded

Suncatchers

German Township Branch

**Wednesday, January 21 | 5:00 PM**

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### **Book Bedazzling Workshop**

In Partnership with Brain Lair Books

German Township Branch

**Thursday, January 22 | 5:30 PM**

Ready to add some sparkle to your bookshelf? Celebrate all the books with a DIY book bedazzling extravaganza with Brain Lair Books!

### **Write About Your Ancestors\***

Main Library - CLC - Classroom B

**Thursday, January 22 | 6:00 PM**

Turn genealogical research into engaging ancestor sketches with this writing workshop.

### **Staying Safe Online: Cybersecurity Basics**

A Computer Literacy Series

Western Branch

**Feb. 3, Feb. 10 | 10:30 AM**

Unlock your cyber confidence in this two part Cybersecurity Basics Workshop. Learn to identify threats like phishing and malware, create strong passwords, and secure your devices.

### **3D Animation Basics\***

Studio 304

**Wednesday, February 4 | 6:00 PM**

Create a short animation in Blender and learn the basics of animating with keyframes.

### **Book Bedazzling Workshop**

In Partnership with Brain Lair Books

Lakeville Branch

**Tuesday, February 10 | 5:30 PM**

Ready to add some sparkle to your bookshelf? Celebrate all the books with a DIY book bedazzling extravaganza with Brain Lair Books!

### **Crafting Connections**

Colorful Beaded

Suncatchers

River Park Branch

**Wednesday, February 11 | 10:00 AM**

Crafting is better together! Bring some color to the winter at this beading extravaganza. Create a vibrant suncatcher using colorful beads and simple jewelry-making techniques.

# PAGE TO SCREEN FILM SERIES

Movies in Leighton Auditorium

Thursday, December 11 | 6 - 8 pm  
*How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)*

Thursday, January 8 | 6 - 8 pm  
*Little Women (2019)*

Thursday, February 5 | 6 - 8 pm  
*The Princess Bride (1987)*

All Ages Welcome!



**Understanding Credit** In partnership with 1st Source Bank  
Main Library - CLC - Classroom D  
**Wednesday, February 11 | 5:30 PM**  
In this workshop you will learn what is credit, how financial institutions approve loans and what are the best ways to utilize credit.

**3D Scanning\***  
Studio 304  
**Wednesday, February 18 | 6:00 PM**  
Learn about the options available in Studio 304 for creating your own 3D scans.

**Crafting Connections** Colorful Beaded Suncatchers  
Western Branch  
**Wednesday, February 18 | 5:00 PM**  
Crafting is better together! Bring some color to the winter at this beading extravaganza. Create a vibrant suncatcher using colorful beads and simple jewelry-making techniques.

**Resumes & Resources**  
Lakeville Branch  
**Thursday, February 19 | 5:30 PM**  
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\***  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
**Saturday, February 21 | 1:00 PM**  
Calling all story tellers! This is a chance to share a 5-minute story following the theme "Perseverance." All are welcome to join and listen. Registration requested to share a story.

**Volunteer and Community Services Fair**  
Main Library - CLC - Ballroom  
**Saturday, February 21 | 2:00 PM**  
Looking for a way to give back to the community? Now's your chance! Meet with local organizations and learn about what they do and how you can get involved.

**Monday at the Movies**  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
**Feb. 23, Mar. 2, Mar. 9 | 6:00 PM**  
Join us as we view films with themes connected to the South Bend community. Local speakers will lead a discussion after the screening.

**Mixed-Media Printmaking Workshop\***  
presented by South Bend Museum of Art  
See Description for Location  
**Feb. 24 and Feb. 26 | 5:00 PM**  
Dive into a two-part workshop blending printmaking and drawing! Create a monotype at SBMA, then craft a mixed-media pastel piece at SJCPL using your print as the creative base.

**Crafting Connections** Colorful Beaded Suncatchers  
North Liberty Branch  
**Wednesday, February 25 | 5:00 PM**  
Crafting is better together! Bring some color to the winter at this beading extravaganza. Create a vibrant suncatcher using colorful beads and simple jewelry-making techniques.

**South Bend's Hungarian Immigrants\***  
with Aaron Helman  
Main Library - CLC - Classroom B  
**Wednesday, February 25 | 6:30 PM**  
Local author Aaron Helman explores how South Bend's Hungarian community struggled to gain a foothold until Alex Arch became a national hero.

**Digital Music Mixing\***  
with FruityLoop Studio  
Studio 304  
**Thursday, February 26 | 6:00 PM**  
Let's create a loop together in FL studio. No prior music experience needed!

**Identity Theft Protection** In partnership with 1st Source Bank  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
**Wednesday, March 11 | 5:30 PM**  
In this workshop you will learn what is identity theft, identity fraud, how it happens, how to prevent it, and what to do if you have been a victim.

**Resumes & Resources**  
German Township Branch  
**Thursday, March 12 | 5:30 PM**  
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, December 2 | 6:30 PM**  
Explore some of the most exciting and cutting edge topics in scientific research. All are welcome!

**Sounds of the Season**  
Francis Branch  
**Saturday, December 6 | 2:00 PM**  
Celebrate the season with music, stories, and creativity at the library.

**Belonging in South Bend** with Saint Mary's College and Civil Rights Heritage Center  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
**Thursday, December 11 | 6:30 PM**  
Let's take a walk through South Bend's African American landmarks. From businesses to churches to neighborhoods to schools, this is what South Bend was like from the 19th into the 20th centuries.

**The Page to Screen Film Series**  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
**Thursday, December 11 | 6:00 PM**  
An all ages film series highlighting films adapted from popular books. This month we will be screening the movie How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

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

**Lakeville Holiday Open House and Photos with Santa**  
Lakeville Branch  
**Saturday, December 13 | 10:00 AM**  
Join us at the Lakeville branch for our annual Holiday Open House! Have your photo taken with Santa and enjoy various Holiday themed activities!

**Game Night**  
Tutt Branch  
**Wednesday, December 17 | 3:00 PM**  
Join us once a month for Game Night! We will offer a variety of board games, card games, and more! Plus, it wouldn't be a game night without some snacks! Come hang out for as long as you'd like!

**Gallery Reception** Featuring Artist Mary Jo Richie  
Main Library - 2nd Floor Gallery  
**Thursday, December 18 | 5:30 PM**  
Join us for the gallery reception for artist Mary Jo Richie! Light refreshments will be available as well as the opportunity to see the artist's works on display in the 2nd floor gallery.

**The Page to Screen Film Series**  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
**Thursday, January 8 | 6:00 PM**  
An all ages film series highlighting films adapted from popular books. This month we will be screening the movie Little Women (2019).

**Ultimate Werewolf Michiana**  
Main Library - CLC - Classroom C  
**Saturday, January 17 | 2:00 PM**  
Join us to play social deduction games (similar to Among Us) which are fun for adults, teens, and older kids! These games are great for individuals, groups, or families!

**Game Night**  
Francis Branch  
**Tuesday, January 20 | 3:00 PM**  
Join us once a month for Game Night! We will offer a variety of board games, card games, and more! Plus, it wouldn't be a game night without some snacks! Come hang out for as long as you'd like!

**Hyggenat**  
Centre Township Branch  
**Friday, January 23 | 5:00 PM**  
Take a break from the daily rush and warm up with friends during a quiet, cozy night of Hygge, or hyggenat (hoo-guh naht). Enjoy Scandinavian-inspired activities or enjoy the ambiance.

**Shein Trust Listen + Learn Children's Concert Series** Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra  
Main Library - Story House  
**Friday, January 30 | 4:00 PM**  
Join the South Bend Symphony's Wind 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, February 3 | 6:30 PM**  
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Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
**Thursday, February 5 | 6:00 PM**  
An all ages film series highlighting films adapted from popular books. This month we will be screening the movie The Princess Bride (1987).

## Library After Dark

**What happens at the library when the lights go down?** Come out to North Liberty to experience Library After Dark with glow-in-the-dark fun, snacks, a string laser maze, and more!

**Friday, February 13**  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
North Liberty Branch

### Science Alive

Main Library - CLC - Ballroom

**Saturday, February 7 | 10:00 AM**

Celebrate the 34th Annual Science Alive at Main Library! Explore science, technology, engineering, and math through hands-on demonstrations and exhibits from local organizations.

### Docs and Discussion: A Century at the Morris

Presented by WNIT

Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium

**Monday, February 9 | 6:00 PM**

WNIT's locally produced documentary explores how South Bend's Morris Performing Arts Center has transformed audiences through the magic of vaudeville, movies, theater, symphonies, ballet and music.

### Life in Michiana Reception

Main Library - 2nd Floor Gallery

**Thursday, February 12 | 5:30 PM**

Join us for a reception announcing the winners of the 2026 Life in Michiana Photography Contest.

### Library After Dark

North Liberty Branch

**Friday, February 13 | 6:30 PM**

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### Docs and Discussion: Echoes of the

Great Migration Presented by WNIT

Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium

**Monday, February 16 | 6:00 PM**

WNIT's one hour documentary explores the enduring impact of the Great Migration through the voices of descendants and those who journeyed from the rural South to urban centers in the North.

### Game Night

German Township Branch

**Tuesday, February 17 | 3:00 PM**

Join us once a month for Game Night! We will offer a variety of board games, card games, and more! Plus, it wouldn't be a game night without some snacks! Come hang out for as long as you'd like!

### Shein Trust Listen + Learn Children's

Concert Series Presented by South Bend

Symphony Orchestra

Main Library - Story House

**Friday, February 27 | 4:00 PM**

Join the South Bend Symphony's Wind Quintet as they perform a family-friendly concert in the cozy atmosphere of The Story House. All are welcome!

### Our Universe Revealed

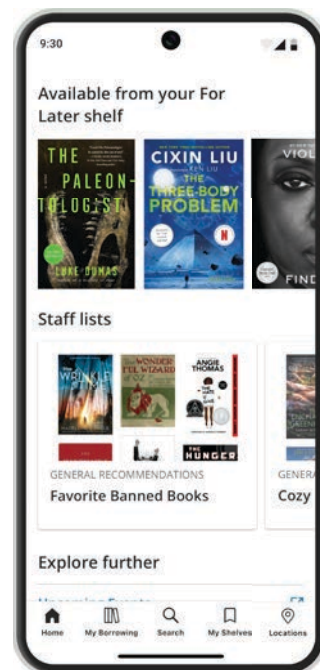
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Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium

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**Your library at  
your fingertips**



**Download the  
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Enjoy Scandinavian-inspired activities or enjoy the ambiance.

**Friday, January 23**

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Centre Township Branch





# Celebrating Jane Austen

## Pride and Prejudice BBC Series

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth with one of the most beloved adaptations! Join us for a special three-part screening of the BBC's *Pride and Prejudice* (1995).

Starring Colin Firth as Mr. Darcy and Jennifer Ehle as Elizabeth Bennet. If you miss an in-person screening, catch up on Kanopy!

Monday, December 1 | 6 - 8 pm: **Episodes 1 & 2**

Monday, January 5 | 6 - 8 pm: **Episodes 3 & 4**

Monday, February 2 | 6 - 8 pm: **Episodes 5 & 6**



## FRESH NEW KICKS

### DESIGN-A-SHOE CONTEST



**Who:** Grades 3-12

**When:** Jan 6 - Feb 3, 2026

**Where:** Submit online or  
at any library location

### CALLING ALL YOUNG DESIGNERS!

Get ready to show off your creativity this winter! Bring your boldest ideas to your own custom shoe design, and you could win a gift card toward your next favorite pair of kicks (or whatever you'd like to treat yourself to!).

Winners will be announced the first week of March 2026 on our Facebook and Instagram.

# Endangered and Indigenous Languages



As a sign of our commitment to preserving Endangered and Indigenous languages, our full selection of these courses are available for free to everyone. This allows native speakers to connect to and honor their heritage, and helps enthusiastic learners gain a better appreciation of the culture.



Indigenous Language:

## Potawatomi

**Indigenous to:** Great Lakes region, NA

**Status:** Critically endangered

**Spoken:** North America

Our team worked closely with The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, a community located in southwestern Michigan and northeastern Indiana. There are fewer than 10 native speakers of the language.

The course instructs learners on the language's unique grammatical structures, vocabulary, and cultural traditions, all recorded by language specialists from the community.



Learn a new language,  
**no subscription needed.**

Access **Mango Languages** free with your library card and explore courses in Potawatomi and over 70 other languages.

*Hallo!*

*Bonjour!*

*¡Hola!*



# Life in Michiana

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

**Capture what makes our community great!** The 27th annual Life in Michiana Photography Contest invites community members to share photos that showcase what makes our area unique and beautiful. Whether it's a stunning landscape, a candid community moment, or the vibrant wildlife that calls Michiana home, we want to see it through your lens!

**Entries accepted online November 14, 2025 to January 16, 2026.**



Learn more and submit your work at  
[sjcpl.org/programs/life-in-michiana](https://sjcpl.org/programs/life-in-michiana)



## SJCPL WRITES

### **Are you a writer or artist with a story to tell?**

SJCPL Writes is now accepting submissions of short fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and art inspired by the theme "Tapestry – how individual lives and stories weave community and connection."

Whether you're an aspiring teen writer or a seasoned adult storyteller, this is your chance to share your work with the community.

**Submission Dates: December 1 – January 31**

Scan the QR code for full submission details and requirements, and to submit your work!



the voice behind  
every story.



**Culturally  
Speaking**

with  
**BRENDAN  
SLOCUMB**

**Wednesday, January 21  
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Main Library  
Community Learning Center**



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# “WE’RE HERE FOR A REASON.”

**Thriller author Brendan Slocumb credits music with saving his life.**

**S**locumb describes himself as growing up in a rough part of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Early on, his passion for the violin provided an opportunity for meaningful engagement that kept him out of trouble. His dedication to the violin led to a career as a musician and music educator. He’s played with prestigious symphonies, earned a degree in music education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and connected students with the language of music for more than two decades.

**Then, 2020 hit. Covid. Lockdown.**

Bookings for musical performances slowed to a stop. Students weren’t going to classes. Slocumb was struggling financially. On a whim, he sent an old science-fiction manuscript to a literary agent to see if it’d stick. It didn’t quite land, but the agent challenged him to



**BRENDAN SLOCUMB**

write what he truly knew. And if there’s anything Slocumb knows, it’s the power of music.

Slocumb’s debut thriller novel, *The Violin Conspiracy*, came out in 2022. It was a grand success. The story follows Black classical musician Ray McMillian, whose priceless heirloom violin is stolen on the eve of the biggest classical music competition in the world. *The Violin Conspiracy* draws on Slocumb’s lived experiences with racism in



# MUSICAL THRILLER AUTHOR COMING TO SJCPL IN JANUARY

by Grace Downey

the classical music world to craft a mystery that deftly explores family expectations, greed, and coming of age.

The Violin Conspiracy was a *Good Morning America* Book Club pick and a Goodreads Choice Award winner. Both are high honors and represented a rising career for the novelist.

Slocumb's sophomore novel, *Symphony of Secrets*, meets a self-imposed challenge: keeping his concept of the classical music thriller fresh and engaging. In *Symphony of Secrets*, we delve more firmly into the territory of historical fiction. A professor discovers that a famous American composer has stolen his music from a young neurodivergent Black woman. This novel explores the timely question of how to address history's wrongs and who gets to have their story told.

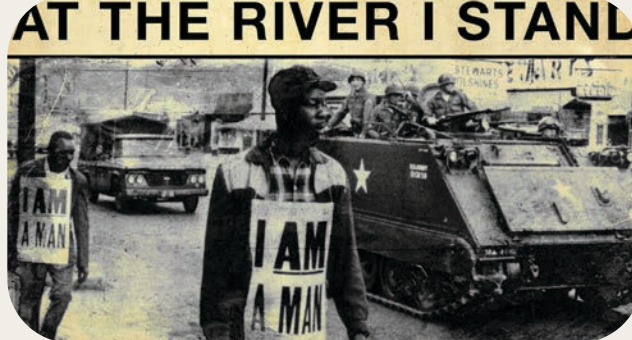
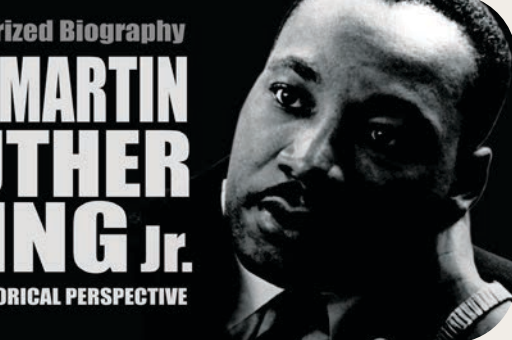
His latest novel, *The Dark Maestro*, treads into new territory while keeping some familiar scenery. We follow Curtis Wilson, a classical music prodigy who has done the impossible: used his gifts and grit to force his way out of life in inner-city DC and into the upper echelons of the classical music world. Curtis is only able to enjoy his success for a while. His father's drug dealings run him afoul of a powerful kingpin, and the whole family must go into the witness protection program. When law enforcement isn't able to bring the drug cartel down, the family must take them on themselves—using Wilson's music.

All of Slocumb's thrillers weave together elements of musicality with suspense. If you're wondering where to start for yourself, I'd recommend *The Violin Conspiracy* for fans of family dramas, *Symphony of Secrets* for fans of dual timelines, and *The Dark Maestro* for fans of fast pacing.



**Brendan Slocumb will be joining us at St. Joe County Public Library on January 21st, 2026, as part of our Culturally Speaking author talk series. Join us for an evening of discussion, Q&A, and book signings, all starting at 6pm. We hope to see you there!**





# HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

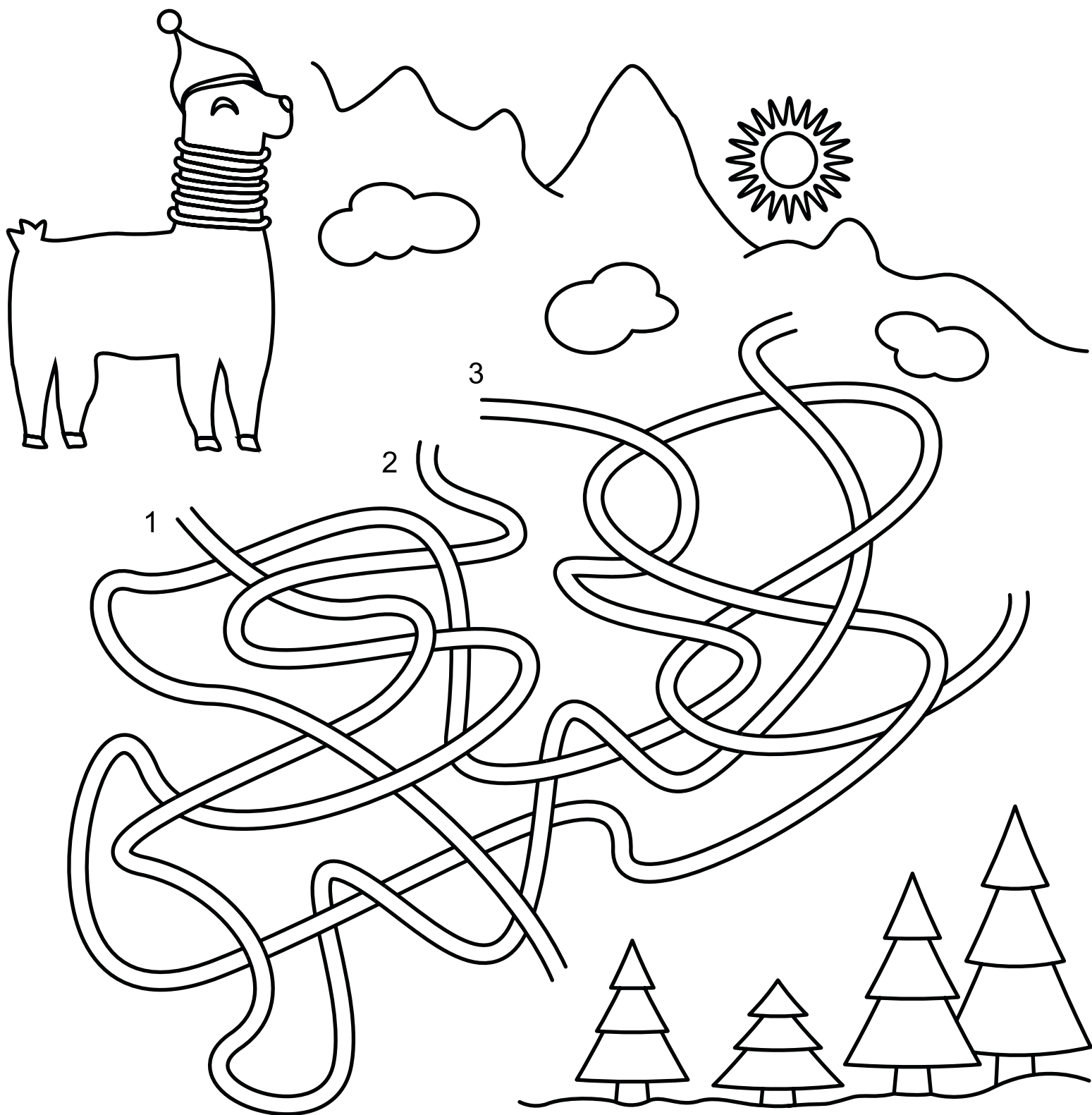
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**Though our library is closed on January 19th, we invite you to join us in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Explore films for all ages that highlight his life, leadership, and lasting impact. Available anytime, with your library card, on Kanopy.

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## Which path should I take?

Help the llama get back to the forest!



STUDIO 304

**Going 3D\***

Wednesdays, December 3, 17  
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Lakeville Branch

**Lakeville Holiday  
Open House**  
& Photos with Santa

# FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

**Taxes due Tuesday, April 15, 2026**

In collaboration with the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) through Goodwill Industries, the St. Joe County Public Library is offering free income tax preparation for Indiana residents. Income limits apply.

**Limited to federal and state of Indiana forms. Both taxpayers must be present if filing a joint tax return.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Do I qualify for this service?

For ND/SMC Tax Preparation, individuals must have gross income under \$35,000 and families must have earnings of under \$70,000. For VITA Tax Preparation, individuals and families must earn \$64,000 or less.

### What should I bring?

- Valid driver's license or government-issued identification card
- Social security card
- A copy of last year's tax return
- All Forms W-2, 1098, and 1099
- Bank account information
- Visit [sjcpl.org/tax-assistance](https://sjcpl.org/tax-assistance) for additional information you may need to bring.

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ST. JOE COUNTY

## Tax Preparation Sessions\* with ND/SMC

### Make an appointment:

Online registration opens two weeks prior to each date at [sjcpl.org/tax-assistance](https://sjcpl.org/tax-assistance).

**Thursdays**, Feb 12, 19, 26  
Mar 5, 19, 26, Apr 2, 9 | **5 - 7 pm**  
CLC

**Saturdays**, Feb 14\*, 21, 28, Mar 21  
28, Apr 11 | **9 - 1 pm, \*9 -11 am**  
CLC

\*Registration Required

## Tax Preparation Sessions with VITA

### Make an appointment\*:

Call (574) 800-1361 to make an appointment beginning January 5, 2026.

Appointments required\*

### Tutt Branch

Mondays, 10 am - 2:30 pm  
February 2 - April 13

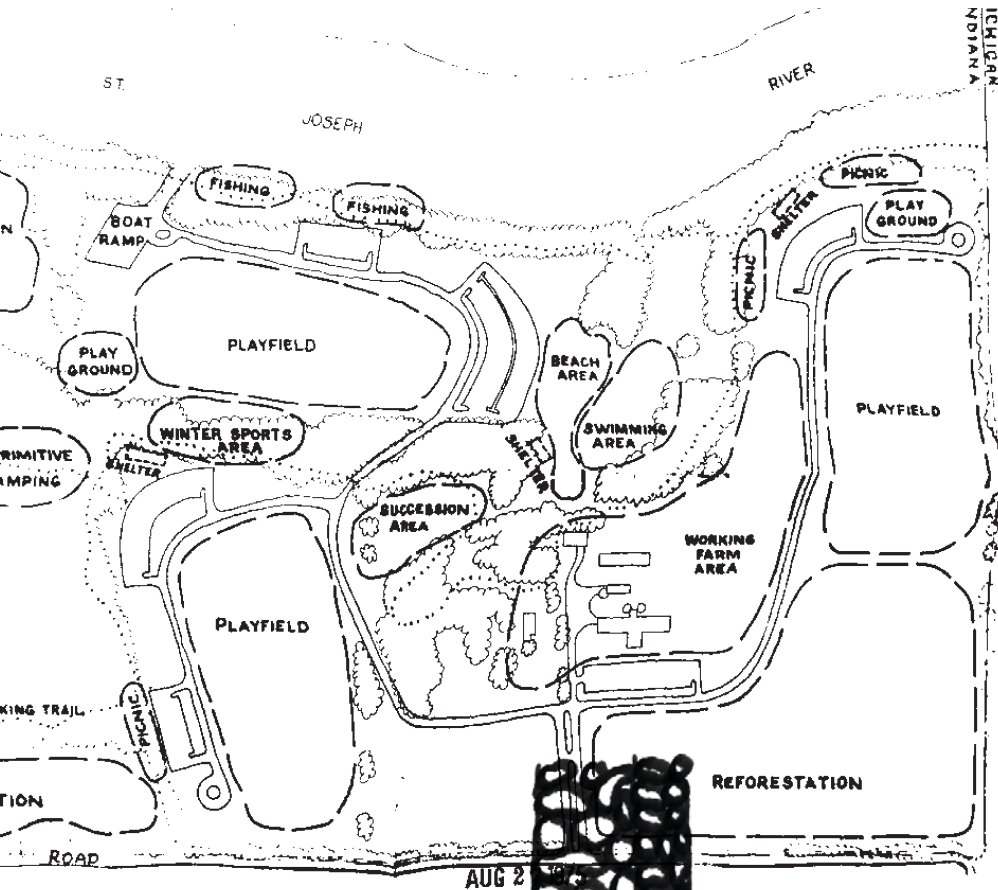
### Western Branch

Wednesdays, 10 am - 2:30 pm  
Thursdays, 12:30 - 5:30 pm  
February 4 - April 15

Scan here for  
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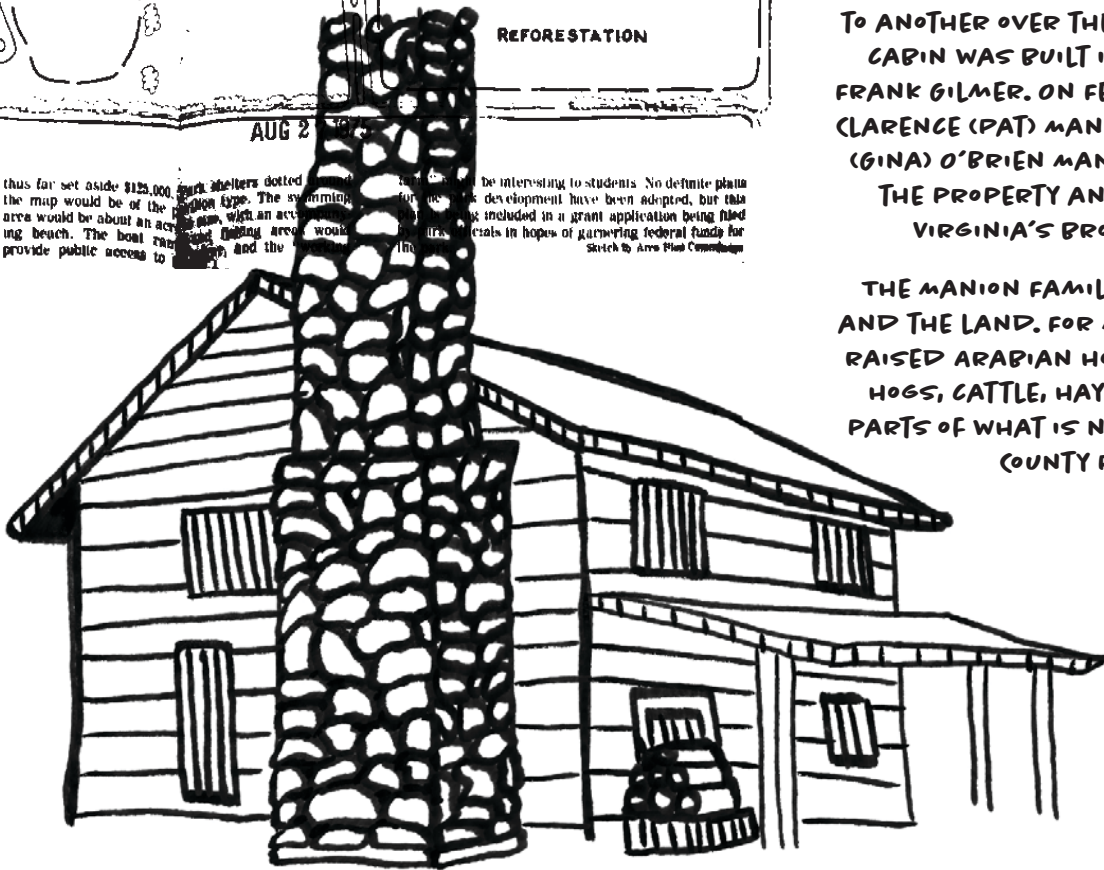
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Sketch by Arvo Hino Commission

THE FIRST SALE OF THE LAND ON WHICH  
THE MANION CABIN NOW STANDS TOOK  
PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1833, WHEN  
DANIEL WAGNER PURCHASED THE  
LAND FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA.  
THE LAND PASSED FROM ONE OWNER  
TO ANOTHER OVER THE YEARS, AND THE  
CABIN WAS BUILT IN 1918-1919 BY  
FRANK GILMER. ON FEBRUARY 25, 1952,  
(CLARENCE (PAT) MANION AND VIRGINIA  
(GINA) O'BRIEN MANION PURCHASED  
THE PROPERTY AND CABIN FROM  
VIRGINIA'S BROTHER, JOHN.

THE MANION FAMILY LOVED NATURE  
AND THE LAND. FOR MANY YEARS THEY  
RAISED ARABIAN HORSES, CHICKENS,  
HOGS, CATTLE, HAY AND GRAIN ON  
PARTS OF WHAT IS NOW ST. PATRICK'S  
COUNTY PARK.



# MANION CABIN

SOURCE: ST. PATRICK'S COUNTY PARK

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