

# UNFOLD

EVENTS CALENDAR | NEWSLETTER



“In 1681 a council which included members of the Potawatomi, the Miami and the Illinois met with Frenchman René-Robert Cavelier Sieur de La Salle under a large oak tree in what is now Highland Cemetery, South Bend.”

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**SPRING 2026**  
MAR/APR/MAY

**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:

- April 5, Easter Sunday
- May 10, Mother's Day
- May 25, Memorial Day

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

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## Letter from the Executive Director

Happy Spring!

When I was a children's librarian, I had a dad come in two weeks before school started. He was excited that his daughter was starting kindergarten and wanted to know what she needed to learn before she started school. Through our conversation, I learned that his daughter didn't know her ABCs, she couldn't count to ten, and she didn't know her colors. I helped this dad as best as I could, knowing in my mind that she was already behind - even though dad was doing his absolute best to help get her ahead.

This is the very true story I told Youth Services staff when I asked them to come up with an innovative replacement for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, our early literacy program. The name itself was intimidating for the families who need it the most.

That's why I'm excited to announce our new early literacy program that we're calling Early Birds. You'll see our adorable mascot Paige hatching soon. Unlike the previous program, it encourages parents to do simple, achievable activities with their kids that build pre-reading skills. Read, Write, Sing, Talk, and Play are principles that are incorporated into all of our storytimes and serve as the foundation for these activities. We know that doing these things helps get kids ready to read. The program is highly engaging and easy for staff to take into the community wherever they go.

Of course, along with the rest of the Country, we're celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Look for all of our related activities on our events calendar and select America 250 under "Event Type." You can try your hand at 18th Century penmanship, learn about the history of the Potawatomi and settlers, or play We The People Bingo! While you're at it, be sure to save the date - July 11- for our big celebration!

Happy reading,



Stephanie Murphy  
Executive Director



**SPRING  
BREAK**

# Staycation



Stuck at home over spring break?  
Join us at German Township Branch  
for a vacation in your imagination!

**Thursday, April 9 | 4 - 6 pm**  
**German Township Branch**

## STORYTELLEBRATION

a celebration of stories

**Saturday, April 18 | 10 am - 1 pm**  
**Francis Branch**

Enjoy story time with  
storytellers and music, or  
walk the storybook trail. Tell  
your own story with photos,  
puppets, magnet poetry, or  
record your family stories.  
**Fun for all ages!**



## Family Art Night & Community Art Showcase

**Thursday, May 14 | 4 - 6 pm**  
**Tutt Branch**

Bring the whole family to Tutt branch library to  
participate in hands-on art activities including a  
painting demonstration and Storytime!



# GO WILD for Summer

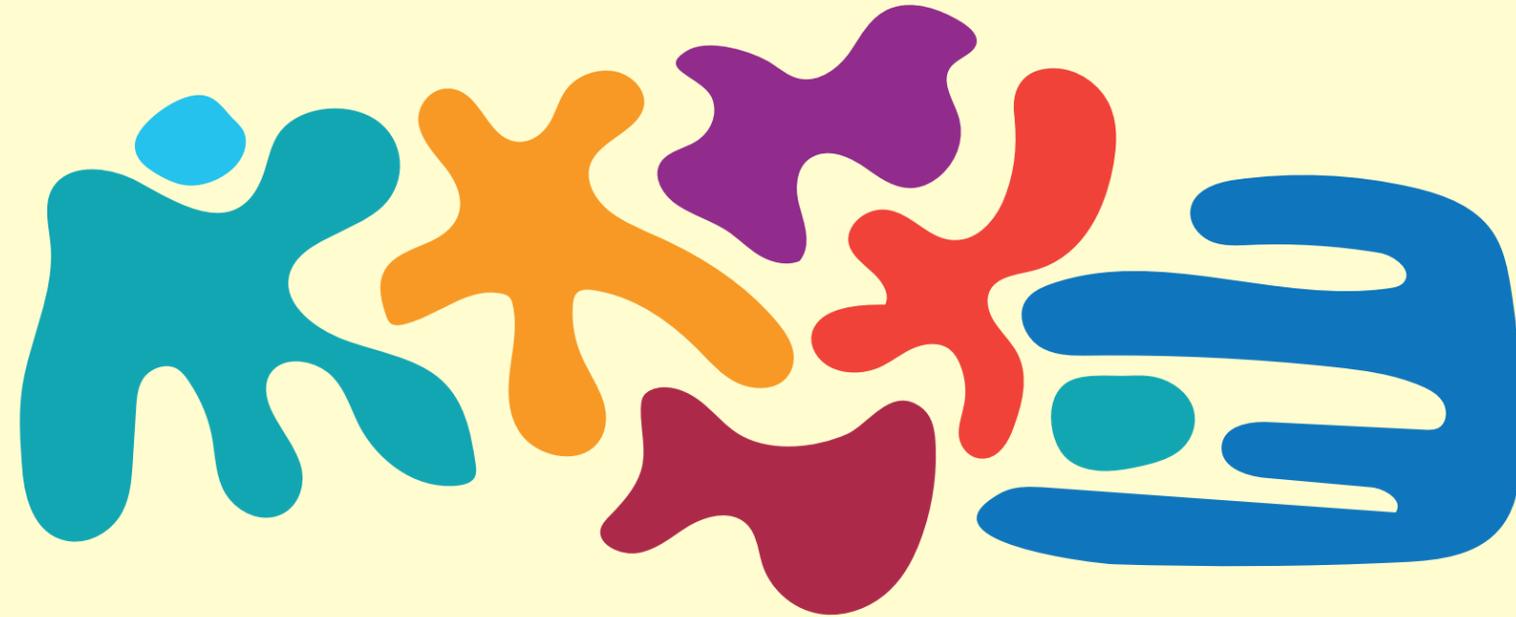
**Thursday, May 28 | 4 - 5:30 pm**  
**River Park Branch**

**Kick off summer with a WILD time at the library!**  
Join us for an afternoon of fun featuring a visit from the  
Potawatomi Zoo and other animal related activities!



# 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

### **CRAWL, CLIMB & PLAY** (AGES 0-2)

**Main Library**  
Monday, March 16 | 10:30 AM  
**Francis**  
Monday, April 13 | 10:30 AM

### **SENSORY TIME** (AGES 3-9)

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED  
**Centre**  
Tuesday, Mar 17, May 19 | 5 PM

### **STORYTIME** (AGES 3-5)

**Main Library**  
Thursdays | 10:30 AM  
Thursdays, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7 | 5 PM  
**Centre**  
Wednesdays | 10:30 AM  
**Francis**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays | 10:30 AM  
**German**  
Mondays, 10:30 AM  
Mar 12, 26, Apr 9, 23, May 7, 21 | 10:30 AM  
**North Liberty**  
Mar 5, 19, Apr 2, 16, 30, May 14, 28 | 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, Mar 2, Apr 6 | 10:30 AM  
**Francis**  
Mondays, Mar 9, May 11 | 10:30 AM  
**German**  
Wednesdays, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 | 10:30 AM  
**Lakeville**  
Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20 | 10:30 AM  
**North Liberty**  
Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6 | 10:30 AM  
**River Park**  
Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20 | 10:30 AM  
**Tutt**  
Wednesdays, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27 | 5:30 PM

# Children

## Opening Chapters

School-Age Read-Aloud  
Main Library - Story House  
Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4 | 4:30 PM  
Explore different chapter book genres throughout this read-aloud series. Listen to the opening chapters or selections of a few related books, followed by a creative activity inspired by the stories!

**Talk With Your Baby\*** Presented by the Robinson Community Learning Center  
Western Branch  
Mar 3, Mar 10, Mar 17, Mar 24, Mar 31, Apr 7 | 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.

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab  
Western Branch

Tuesday, March 3 | 3:30 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow! One hour program; ages 8-12

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab  
Centre Township Branch

Wednesday, March 4 | 4:00 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow! One hour program; ages 8-12

**Coastline Children's Film Festival Little Kid Flicks**

Main Library - Story House  
Saturday, March 7 | 1:00 PM  
Let your little ones discover the magic of the big screen with Little Kid Flicks. Whether searching for the perfect pancake or interviewing a crocodile, these shorts are sure to delight all. Ages 5+

**Glow With It** Storyhouse STEAM Lab

Main Library - Story House  
Monday, March 9 | 4:30 PM  
Learn how bioluminescent organisms create chemical reactions to glow naturally! Explore with a glowing water and oil experiment. Then, create your own glowing mushroom-scape.

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab  
River Park Branch

Tuesday, March 10 | 4:00 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow! One hour program; ages 8-12

**Understanding The Ancients**

Main Library - Story House  
Thursday, March 12 | 4:30 PM  
Learn about ancient cultures through activities and art. We'll be looking at cuneiform writing from ancient Sumeria and writing our own clay tablets. Recommended ages 6-11.

**South Bend Symphony Orchestra presents: Tales + Tunes**

Main Library - Story House  
Saturday, March 14 | 12:00 PM  
Born to drum? Be a part of a rhythmic story adventure! Explore the exciting world of drumming and discover how percussion creates the heartbeat of music. Craft included. Recommended ages 6 - 10.

**Lego Builder Challenge**

Main Library - Story House  
Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18 | 4:30 PM  
Can you master the LEGO Builder Challenge? Test your building and creativity skills in four timed challenges with a theme, then share about your creations. Ages 6-11.

**RapTime with Remi and Zeus** by HomeGrown Hype LLC

River Park Branch  
Tuesday, March 17 | 4:00 PM  
Explore hands-on beat production, enjoy a rap performance of a children's storybook, and get on the mic and learn how to freestyle! With local musicians ReminisceX and HeyZeus.

**Fire Truck Visit** with Clay Fire Territory

German Township Branch  
Wednesday, March 18 | 3:30PM  
A fire truck is coming to our library! Take a tour of the truck and learn about fire safety from our local first responders. Weather permitting. All ages welcome.

**Lego Night**

Tutt Branch  
Mar 19, Apr 23, May 21 | 4:00 PM  
Join us each month for a new building challenge. Test your building and creativity skills. Recommended ages 6 to 11.

**Pokémon Lunch Bunch**

Centre Township Branch  
Saturday, March 21, April 11, May 9 | 11:00 AM  
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 Poké@mon. Tailored toward ages 6-11.

**Will It Crash**

Main Library - Story House  
Monday, March 23 | 10:30 AM  
We're crashing and smashing our way to STEAM. Participants will design a car of their own then after reading a crash-tastic story we'll see what happens when we run them into a variety of obstacles.

**Pokémon Power Hour**

Main Library - Story House  
Mar 23, Apr 27 | 4:30 PM  
Master your skills as a Pokemon trading card player at Pokémon Power Hour. Learn about the various regions of the Pokémon world via trivia, crafts and exciting matches. Ages 6 to 11.

**Medieval Animals** with the Notre Dame Medieval Institute

Main Library - Story House  
Saturday, March 28 | 12:00 PM  
Discover some of the wild stories told about animals in the Middle Ages. Solve tricky riddles, judge hilariously bad pictures from medieval times, and put your own animal drawing skills to the test!

**Tabletop Tactics**

Main Library - Story House  
Monday, March 30 | 4:30 PM  
Join us for a board game bonanza! Stop by to learn new games, challenge friends or family, and play classic favorites. Light snacks will be provided. Ages 6 to 11.

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab

Lakeville Branch  
Thursday, April 2 | 4:30 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow! One hour program; ages 8-12

**Currency Conga** Amercia 250

Main Library - Story House  
Saturday, April 4 | 11:00 AM  
Make cents of currency! Through interactive games and activities, kids will learn to recognize coins and bills. Recommended ages 6 - 11. Light snacks.

**Phoebe and Jay Screening** with PBS WNIT

Main Library - Story House  
Monday, April 6 | 2:00 PM  
Join us for a screening of the new PBS KIDS animated series Phoebe and Jay, including hands-on activities. Recommended for ages 3-5.

**K-Pop Dance Party**

Main Library - Story House  
Saturday, April 11 | 1:00 PM  
Let us show you how it's done done done at the library! Join us for activities, snacks and sing along in appreciation of the film K-Pop Demon Hunters. Ages 6 - 12.

**Milestone Moments\*** Presented by Logan Community Resources

Main Library - CLC - Classroom B  
Monday, April 13 - May 18 | 10:00 AM  
Join our 4-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.

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab in the Storyhouse

Main Library - Story House  
Monday, April 13 | 4:30 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow!

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab  
Tutt Branch

Wednesday, April 15 | 4:00 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow! One hour program; ages 8-12

**Cuentos y Cantos** Stories & Songs with I Heart Spanish

Main Library - Story House  
Monday, April 20 | 10:30 AM  
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.

**Meet Bolt the Pony** with Reins of Life  
Centre Township Branch - Story Garden  
Monday, April 20 | 11:00 AM

Neigh! Learn about horses with an outdoor pony encounter. The instructor will guide you through engaging activities with this special visitor. Program will be in the Story Garden. Weather permitting.

**Fire Truck Visit** with South Bend Fire Department

Western Branch  
Wednesday, April 22 | 11:30 AM  
A fire truck is coming to visit our library! Tour the truck and learn about fire safety with local fire fighters. Weather permitting. All ages welcome.

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab  
North Liberty Branch

Friday, April 24 | 3:30 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow! One hour program; ages 8-12

**South Bend Symphony Orchestra presents: Tales + Tunes**

Main Library - Story House  
Saturday, April 25 | 12:00 PM  
Through a musical story, learn basic conducting patterns and how Maestro Willis leads the orchestra. Conducting will be led by the Symphony staff. Craft included. Recommended for ages 6 to 10.

**Learn to Make Summer Rolls\*** with the Charlie Cart

Main Library - Story House  
Tuesday, April 28 | 4:30 PM  
In this cooking program, learn how to assemble Vietnamese summer rolls made with rice paper wraps and fresh produce. Make your own dipping sauce from scratch and enjoy! Recommended ages 8-12.

**RapTime with Remi and Zeus** with HomeGrown Hype LLC

Tutt Branch  
Thursday, April 30 | 4:00 PM  
Explore hands-on beat production, enjoy a rap performance of a children's storybook, and get on the mic and learn how to freestyle! With local musicians ReminisceX and HeyZeus.

**Star Wars\*** Presented by the South Bend Civic Theatre

Main Library - Story House  
Saturday, May 2 | 12:30 PM  
Jump into hyper drive with this high energy galactic experience where kids will develop skills in voice, role playing, and character creation in order to become true Jedi Masters! Grades K - 5.

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab  
Francis Branch

Tuesday, May 05 | 4:00 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow! One hour program; ages 8-12

**Meet Bolt the Pony** with Reins of Life  
Lakeville Branch

Wednesday, May 06 | 11:00 AM  
Neigh! Learn about horses with an outdoor pony encounter. The instructor will guide you through engaging activities with this special visitor. Weather permitting. Ages 3 - 8

**Happy Birthday America Crafts & Bingo**  
North Liberty Branch

Friday, May 8 | 3:30 PM  
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.

**Meet Bolt the Pony** with Reins of Life  
Francis Branch

Saturday, May 09 | 11:00 AM  
Neigh! Learn about horses with an outdoor pony encounter. The instructor will guide you through engaging activities with this special visitor. Weather permitting.

**Incredible Inertia** STEAM Lab in the Storyhouse

Main Library - Story House  
Monday, May 11 | 4:30 PM  
Discover Newton's Laws of Motion. Engineer a magnetic marble run or a Rail Cube monorail system. Blast off a small paper rocket, and use Air Toobz to experiment with air pressure.

**Seeds & Sunlight** STEAM Lab  
German Township Branch

Wednesday, May 13 | 4:00 PM  
Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. Take your own seeds home to watch them grow! One hour program; ages 8-12



# DANCE PARTY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM**  
**MAIN LIBRARY - STORY HOUSE**

**LET US SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE DONE DONE AT THE LIBRARY!**  
**JOIN US FOR ACTIVITIES, SNACKS AND SING ALONG IN**  
**APPRECIATION OF THE FILM K-POP DEMON HUNTERS. AGES 6 - 12.**

## Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Main Library - Teen Room  
Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5 | 4:30 PM  
Put your gaming skills to the test as you battle others in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. Food and drinks provided while supplies last.

## Bingo

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

## Dungeons & Dragons

Main Library - Teen Room  
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month | 1:00 PM  
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!

**Neon Arcade** Mini Golf and Games  
Lakeville Branch  
Wednesday, March 11 | 4:30 PM  
Play video games and experience our VR headset in a glowing blacklight atmosphere. Test your skills at mini golf, enjoy light snacks, and hang out with friends. For ages 12-18.

## Cozy Crafting: Soothing Slime

Main Library - Teen Room  
Tuesday, March 17 | 4:30 PM  
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.

## Sew a Plushy Bag Charm

Tutt Branch  
Tuesday, March 24 | 4:00 PM  
Learn how to design and handstitch your own custom fluffy, plushy bag charm. Light snack provided. Recommended for ages 12-18.

**Neon Arcade** Mini Golf and Games  
Francis Branch  
Wednesday, March 25 | 4:30 PM  
Play video games and experience our VR headset in a glowing blacklight atmosphere. Test your skills at mini golf, enjoy light snacks, and hang out with friends. For ages 12-18.

**Intro to Guitar** with The Music Village  
North Liberty Branch  
Tuesday, March 31 | 4:00 PM  
Rock out in this intro class with a professional guitar instructor. You will get to play an electric guitar and learn what you need to get started. Ages 12-18.

## Sew a Plushy Bag Charm

Centre Township Branch  
Wednesday, April 1 | 4:30 PM  
Learn how to design and handstitch your own custom fluffy, plushy bag charm. Light snack provided. Recommended for ages 12-18.

## Sew a Fidget Bracelet

Main Library - Teen Room  
Thursday, April 16 | 5:00 PM  
Learn to use a sewing machine to create a marble maze fidget bracelet. Fidgets can help improve focus and reduce stress. This sewing project is perfect for beginners with no experience.

## Intro to Guitar

with The Music Village  
Western Branch  
Thursday, April 16 | 3:30 PM  
Rock out in this intro class with a professional guitar instructor. You will get to play an electric guitar and learn what you need to get started. Ages 12-18.

## Cozy Crafting: Blackout Poetry Crafts

Main Library - Teen Room  
Tuesday, April 21 | 4:30 PM  
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## Sew a Plushy Bag Charm

River Park Branch  
Tuesday, April 21 | 3:30 PM  
Learn how to design and handstitch your own custom fluffy, plushy bag charm. Light snack provided. Recommended for ages 12-18.

## Intro to Guitar

with The Music Village  
German Township Branch  
Wednesday, May 6 | 4:00 PM  
Rock out in this intro class with a professional guitar instructor. You will get to play an electric guitar and learn what you need to get started. Ages 12-18.

## Chainmail Basics

Main Library - Teen Room  
Saturday, May 9 | 2:00 PM  
Learn the basic techniques of making chainmail. Loop by loop you'll weave a wearable piece of art and learn a little history along the way. Recommended ages 12 - 18.

## Cozy Crafting: Sensory Bottles

Main Library - Teen Room  
Tuesday, May 19 | 4:30 PM  
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.

## DIY Dungeons & Dragons: Adventuring on a Budget

Studio 304  
Saturday, May 30 | 2:00 PM  
Learn to make maps, tokens, dice towers, and much more in Studio 304! Get to know the 3d printers, the laser cutter, and a variety of printing options for all your tabletop gaming needs.



## Seeds & Sunlight

Learn about how plants use photosynthesis to make their own food, and how a seed sprouts and develops. One hour program.

For Ages 8-12

# Tinker. Build. Create.

Western Branch • Tuesday, 3:30pm  
March 3

Centre Branch • Wednesday, 4pm  
March 4

River Park Branch • Tuesday, 4pm  
March 10

Lakeville Branch • Thursday, 4:30pm  
April 2

Main Story House • Monday, 4:30pm  
April 13

Tutt Branch • Wednesday, 4pm  
April 15

North Liberty Branch • Friday, 3:30pm  
April 24

Francis Branch • Tuesday, 4pm  
May 5

German Branch • Wednesday, 4pm  
May 13

# Adult

## Beginning Genealogy\*

German Township Branch  
Thursday, March 5 | 6:00 PM  
Begin climbing your family tree with an introduction to genealogy research.

## Calligraphy: A Guide to Good (18th Century) Penmanship

Crafting Connections  
Centre Township Branch  
Thursday, March 5 | 10:30 AM  
Pick up a crow quill pen, dip it in ink, and learn the fine art of hand lettering. Participants will try a variety of calligraphic exercises and styles!

## The Story Exchange - A Story Sharing Session

Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Saturday, March 7 | 1:00 PM  
Calling all story tellers! Share a 5-minute story following the theme "common ground." Think: location, the power of place, making space, or finding common ground. All are welcome!

## West Side Story (PG-13, 2021) Screening

Mondays at the Movies  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Monday, March 9 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "West Side Story" (PG-13, 2021, 2 hr. 36 min) and a discussion of the movie's themes afterwards. Part of the Living Matthew 25 series of events for 2026.

## Yoga for Every Chair: A Gentle Exploration

Presented by Aging Connections  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Tuesday, March 10 | 3:30 PM  
Melissa Gunter, Certified Yoga Instructor (RYT-200, Owner of Traveling Yogi, LLC) will lead a presentation to discuss yoga and its benefits for everyone, especially our aging population.

## Gut Renovation (Not Rated, 2015) Screening

Mondays at the Movies  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Monday, March 2 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "Gut Renovation" (Not Rated, 2015, 81 min.) and a discussion of the movie's themes afterwards. Part of the Living Matthew 25 series of events for 2026.

## Writer's Critique Meet\*

Main Library - CLC - Classroom F  
Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5 | 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.

## How to Successfully Declutter Your Home

Presented by Real Estate Professional Kirsten Sharpe  
Francis Branch  
Tuesday, March 3 | 5:30 PM  
Kirsten will explain what decluttering really means, why it's so beneficial, and the psychology behind letting go of belongings.

## Yoga for EveryBODY

Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Every Wednesday | 5:30 PM  
Community yoga classes offered with the aim of making yoga accessible to all.

## Barbara (Rated PG-13, 2012) Screening

IUSB World Languages Film Series  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Wednesday, March 4 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "Barbara" (Rated PG-13, 2012, 1 hr. 42 min.) Hosted by Jeffrey Luppés, Associate Professor of German, IUSB Department of World Languages.

## Identity Theft Protection

Presented by Luis Zapata, First Source Bank  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Wednesday, March 11 | 5:30 PM  
Learn about 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 library resources could help you in the job searching process. There will be extra time for hands-on work.

## Performing Media Festival

Presented in partnership with IUSB  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Saturday, March 14 | 12:00 PM  
Enjoy a selection of audio-visual performance works by international artists, followed by a panel discussion as part of the 2026 Performing Media Festival.

## Unity Gardens Growing Summit

Main Library - CLC - Ballroom  
Saturday, March 14 | 12:00 AM  
A day of free classes on gardens, orchards, nature and more. Presented by Unity Gardens.

## The Breadwinner (PG-13, 2021) Screening

Mondays at the Movies  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Monday, March 16 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "The Breadwinner" (PG-13, 2021, 1 hr. 34 min.) and a discussion of the movie's themes afterwards. Part of the Living Matthew 25 series of events for 2026.

## The Write Space\*

Zoom  
Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19 | 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.



with  
The Music Village

Tuesday, March 31  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
North Liberty Branch

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3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Western Branch

Wednesday, May 6  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
German Township Branch

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**No (Rated R, 2012) Screening & Discussion** IUSB World Languages Film Series  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Wednesday, March 18 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "No" (Rated R, 2012, 1 hr. 58 min.) hosted by Molly Monroe, Senior Lecturer of Spanish, IUSB Department of World Languages.

**Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic**  
Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network  
Main Library - CLC - Classroom D  
Thursday, March 19 | 1:00 PM  
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SJCPL Writes Release Party**  
Main Library - CLC -  
Saturday, March 21 | 2:00 PM  
Celebrate the fifth release of SJCPL Writes. See authors and artists showcase their work from the publication, then attend a meet and greet with light refreshments. Leighton Auditorium.

**No Other Land (Not Rated, 2024) Screening** Mondays at the Movies  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Monday, March 23 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "No Other Land" (Not Rated, 2024, 1 hr. 32 min.) and a discussion of the movie's themes afterwards. Part of the Living Matthew 25 series of events for 2026.

**We The People...Play Bingo!** In Celebration of America 250  
River Park Branch  
Tuesday, March 24 | 5:30 PM  
Civics meets bingo! Test your knowledge of American government, history, and civic life. Come ready to play, learn, and have fun. Small civics-themed prizes with snacks!

**An Evening with Ruben Reyes Jr.** Letras Latinas Community Reading Series  
Main Library - CLC - Ballroom  
Wednesday, March 25 | 6:00 PM  
The Letras Latinas Community Reading Series welcomes Ruben Reyes, Jr. for a reading and conversation with Paulina Hernandez-Trejo from the University of Notre Dame.

**Calligraphy: A Guide to Good (18th Century) Penmanship** Crafting Connections  
Lakeville Branch  
Thursday, March 26 | 5:30 PM  
Pick up a crow quill pen, dip it in ink, and learn the fine art of hand lettering. Participants will try a variety of calligraphic exercises and styles!

**Genealogy Coffee Chat**  
Main Library - CLC - Classroom A  
Saturday, March 28 | 9:00 AM  
Meet with fellow genealogists to share success stories and brick walls.

**Genealogy Book Study\***  
Main Library - CLC - Classroom A  
Mar 28, Apr 11, May 23 | 10:15 AM  
Participants will gather monthly to discuss chapters of the book Mastering Genealogical Proof by Thomas W. Jones.

**In the Heat of the Night (Approved, 1967)** Mondays at the Movies  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Monday, March 30 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "In the Heat of the Night" (Approved, 1967, 1 hr. 50 min.) and a discussion of the movie's themes afterwards. Part of the Living Matthew 25 series of events for 2026.

**Exploring Augmented Reality\*** With Studio 304  
Western Branch  
Tuesday, March 31 | 5:30 PM  
Learn how to use the Apple iPads and the Reality Composer app to create interactive augmented reality experiences!

**Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis (Not Rated, 2008)** IUSB World Languages Film Series  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Wednesday, April 1 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis" (Not Rated, 2008, 1 hr. 46 min.) hosted by Heather Jones, Senior Lecturer of French and Spanish, IUSB Department of World Languages.

**Evicting the American Dream (Not Rated, 2025)** Mondays at the Movies  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Monday, April 6 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "Evicting the American Dream" (Not Rated, 2025, 51 min) and a discussion of the movie's themes afterwards. Part of the Living Matthew 25 series of events for 2026.

**Calligraphy: A Guide to Good (18th Century) Penmanship** Crafting Connections  
Western Branch  
Thursday, April 9 | 10:00 AM  
Pick up a crow quill pen, dip it in ink, and learn the fine art of hand lettering. Participants will try a variety of calligraphic exercises and styles!

**W.I.S.E. Wellness for Seniors\*** presented by REAL Services  
Francis Branch  
Mondays, Apr 13 thru May 18 | 1:00 PM  
This six-week course will focus on empowering older adults to make positive, healthy choices. This series is in partnership with REAL Services.

**Memory Loss: What's Normal, What's Not\*** by Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana  
North Liberty Branch  
Monday, April 13 | 5:30 PM  
Suspect your memory isn't what it used to be? What is normal age-related memory loss? How do we tell the difference between normal and abnormal memory changes?

**At Home Hospice Jeopardy!** Presented by Aging Connections  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Tuesday, April 14 | 3:30 PM  
Come play Jeopardy within the world of Hospice! A little game and friendly competition to learn the basics of Hospice care with Laura Vincent, Hospice Liaison, Dunes Hospice.

**Votemos (Not Rated. 2025) Screening** IUSB World Languages Film Series  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Tuesday, April 14 | 6:00 PM  
Enjoy a screening of "Votemos" or "All in Favor" (Not Rated. 2025, 1 hr. 28 min.) hosted by Oscar Barrau, Associate Professor of Spanish, IUSB Department of World Languages.

**An Evening with Laila Lalami\*** Culturally Speaking Author Series  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Wednesday, April 15 | 6:00 PM  
Join us as we welcome author Laila Lalami, author of *The Dream Hotel*. Registration recommended.

**Understanding Insurance** Presented by Luis Zapata, First Source Bank  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Wednesday, April 15 | 5:30 PM  
In this workshop you will learn how to protect your assets using insurance and the different personal insurance products available.

**We The People...Play Bingo!** In Celebration of America 250  
Tutt Branch  
Thursday, April 16 | 5:30 PM  
Civics meets bingo! Test your knowledge of American government, history, and civic life. Come ready to play, learn, and have fun. Small civics-themed prizes with snacks!

**Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic**  
Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network  
Tutt Branch  
Thursday, April 16 | 1:00 PM  
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**The Librarians** presented by Indie Lens Pop-Up  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Monday, April 20 | 6:00 PM  
The Librarians takes viewers across the U.S., where local libraries have become unexpected battlegrounds in a national struggle over parental control, intellectual freedom, and democracy itself.

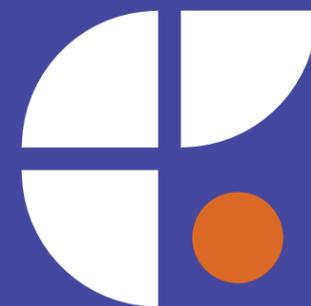
**Memory Loss: What's Normal, What's Not\*** with Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana  
Western Branch  
Monday, April 20 | 10:00 AM  
Suspect your memory isn't what it used to be? What is normal age-related memory loss? How do we tell the difference between normal and abnormal memory changes? Join us to learn about memory loss.

**Exploring Augmented Reality\*** With Studio 304  
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Tuesday, April 21 | 5:30 PM  
Learn how to use the Apple iPads and the Reality Composer app to create interactive augmented reality experiences!

**Calligraphy: A Guide to Good (18th Century) Penmanship** Crafting Connections  
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Wednesday, April 15 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Main Library - Community Learning Center



# Culturally Speaking

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with Pulitzer Prize Finalist  
**Laila Lalami**

Join us as we welcome author **Laila Lalami**, author of *The Dream Hotel*.

**Registration recommended.**

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Tutt Branch  
Tuesday, April 28 | 5:30 PM  
Pick up a crow quill pen, dip it in ink, and learn the fine art of hand lettering. Participants will try a variety of calligraphic exercises and styles!

**How to Successfully Declutter Your Home** Presented by Real Estate Professional Kirsten Sharpe  
Centre Township Branch  
Thursday, April 30 | 5:30 PM  
Kirsten will explain what decluttering really means, why it's so beneficial, and the psychology behind letting go of belongings.

**Living on Indigenous Landscapes** Potawatomi and Settler Histories in Northern Indiana  
Main Library - CLC - Ballroom B  
Wednesday, May 6 | 6:00 PM  
Join Dr. Luke Gascho for this presentation and Q&A on the indigenous history of our region, and learn about current efforts and actions that can mend relationships between people and the land.

**Ask a Lawyer** Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network  
Main Library - CLC - Second floor  
Friday, May 1 | 1:00 PM  
Free legal advice to the public on a first come, first served basis, provided by attorneys from the Volunteer Lawyers Network.

**The Story Exchange** a Story Sharing Session  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Saturday, May 2 | 1:00 PM  
Calling all story tellers! Share a 5-minute story following the theme "in bloom." This is a casual story sharing session themed around personal growth, nature, or transformation. All are welcome!

**How to Successfully Declutter Your Home** Presented by Real Estate Professional Kirsten Sharpe  
German Township Branch  
Thursday, May 7 | 5:30 PM  
Kirsten will explain what decluttering really means, why it's so beneficial, and the psychology behind letting go of belongings.

**Put Your Ancestors on the Map\***  
Main Library - CLC - Ballroom B  
Monday, May 11 | 6:30 PM  
Practice using the Public Land Survey System to locate your ancestors' property on county maps in this hands-on workshop.

**Memory Loss: What's Normal, What's Not\*** with Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana  
River Park Branch  
Monday, May 11 | 5:30 PM  
Suspect your memory isn't what it used to be? What is normal age-related memory loss? How do we tell the difference between normal and abnormal memory changes? Join this session to learn more.

**Calligraphy: A Guide to Good (18th Century) Penmanship** Crafting Connections  
River Park Branch  
Tuesday, May 12 | 5:30 PM  
Pick up a crow quill pen, dip it in ink, and learn the fine art of hand lettering.

**You Deserve a Funeral!** Presented by Aging Connections  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Tuesday, May 12 | 3:30 PM  
When talking about funerals, do you tell your loved ones "not to fuss" over you? Family and friends accept these statements as alleviating a perceived burden but...is there something else going on?

**Investments and Planning for Retirement** Presented by Luis Zapata, First Source Bank  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Wednesday, May 13 | 5:30 PM  
In this workshop you will learn how to build a good retirement plan and what are the different investment options available to you.

**Starting Your Own Business: Thinking Like an Entrepreneur** Presented by SBEAP  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Thursday, May 14 | 2:00 PM  
Learn to think like an entrepreneur in this info session by Dr. Michael H. Morris, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation at the University of Notre Dame.

**We The People...Play Bingo!** In Celebration of America 250  
North Liberty Branch  
Thursday, May 14 | 5:30 PM  
Civics meets bingo! Test your knowledge of American government, history, and civic life. Come ready to play, learn, and have fun. Small civics-themed prizes with snacks!

**Let's Ferment....Hot Sauce!**  
featuring the Charlie Cart!  
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall  
Saturday, May 16 | 1:00 PM  
Dive into the fermentation process and learn the basics of brining pepper varieties in combination with other herbs and spices. Participants will leave with their own hot sauce masterpiece underway!

**Community Repair Fair**  
Main Library - CLC - Ballroom  
Sunday, May 17 | 1:00 PM  
Don't toss it, fix it! Bring your broken bikes, torn clothes, sad houseplants, or wobbly furniture to our Community Repair Fair.

**Memory Loss: What's Normal, What's Not\*** with Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana  
Francis Branch  
Monday, May 18 | 10:00 AM  
How do we tell the difference between normal and abnormal memory changes? Join this session to learn more.

**Calligraphy: A Guide to Good (18th Century) Penmanship** Crafting Connections  
LaSalle Branch  
Tuesday, May 19 | 10:30 AM  
Pick up a crow quill pen, dip it in ink, and learn the fine art of hand lettering.

**Calligraphy: A Guide to Good (18th Century) Penmanship** Crafting Connections  
German Township Branch  
Tuesday, May 26 | 10:30 AM  
Pick up a crow quill pen, dip it in ink, and learn the fine art of hand lettering.

**"The Psychology of Money" by Morgan Housel** Making Cents: A Personal Finance Book Club  
River Park Branch  
Tuesday, May 26 | 5:30 PM  
Together we'll discuss the latest financial bestsellers and discover our personal relationship with money, in a shame-free environment and with snacks!

**Exploring Augmented Reality\*** With Studio 304  
LaSalle Branch  
Thursday, May 28 | 5:30 PM  
Learn how to use the Apple iPads and the Reality Composer app to create interactive augmented reality experiences!

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Western Branch  
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## All Ages

**Our Universe Revealed** Presented by University of Notre Dame and IU South Bend  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Tuesday, March 3 | 6:30 PM  
Explore some of the most exciting and cutting edge topics in scientific research. All are welcome!

**Paddington** The Page to Screen Film Series  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Tuesday, March 10 | 6:00 PM  
An all ages film series highlighting films adapted from popular books.

**Kennedy's Kitchen Live** Irish Kitchen Music from the home, the hearth, and the heart  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Wednesday, March 11 | 6:00 PM  
Join us for an evening of Traditional Irish music with Kennedy's Kitchen!

**Game Night** River Park Branch  
Thursday, March 19 | 3:00 PM  
Join us once a month for Game Night! We will offer a variety of board games, card games, video games, and more. Plus, it wouldn't be a game night without some snacks! Come hang out!

**BookCon** Main Library - CLC - Ballroom  
Saturday, March 21 | 11:00 AM  
Join your fellow readers to celebrate local writing and find your next favorite book! Meet local authors, get writing advice, and browse books for sale.

**Journey of the Mind** Gallery Reception  
Main Library- 2nd Floor Gallery  
Thursday, March 26 | 5:30 PM  
Mental Health Awareness of Michiana (MHAM) presents Journey of the Mind, an exhibit that facilitates connection through the healing power of art.

**Shein Trust Listen + Learn Children's Concert Series** Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra  
Main Library - Story House  
Friday, March 27 | 4:00 PM  
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!

**Mapping Change - an Interactive Local History Workshop** Main Library - CLC - Classroom B  
Thursday, April 2 | 5:30 PM  
This program examines how mapping places shapes our understanding of space, time, and ourselves. We'll create art using local maps and images to connect our community's past, present, and future.

**Jay Lane Solo Exhibit** Gallery Reception  
Main Library- 2nd Floor Gallery  
Thursday, April 2 | 5:30 PM  
Join us for the gallery reception for artist Jay Lane!

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

**Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971)** The Page to Screen Film Series  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Wednesday, April 8 | 6:00 PM  
An all ages film series highlighting films adapted from popular books.

**Spring Break Staycation** German Township Branch  
Thursday, April 9 | 4:00 PM  
Stuck at home over spring break? Join us at German Township Branch for a vacation in your imagination!

**Then, Now, and Always... The St. Joseph River Story** Docs and Discussion Series with WNIT  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Monday, April 13 | 6:00 PM  
This documentary by WNIT tells the story of the St. Joseph River, including the people, history, and life along this storied waterway from Hillsdale to Lake Michigan.

**Game Night** North Liberty Branch  
Thursday, April 16 | 3:00 PM  
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**Shein Trust Listen + Learn Children's Concert Series** Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra  
Main Library - Story House  
Friday, April 17 | 4:00 PM  
Join the South Bend Symphony's Brass Quintet as they perform a family-friendly concert in the cozy atmosphere of The Story House. All are welcome!

**Storytellebration: A Celebration of Stories** Francis Branch  
Saturday, April 18 | 10:00 AM  
Enjoy story time with storytellers and music, or walk the storybook trail. Tell your own story with photos, puppets, and magnet poetry, or record your family stories. Fun for all ages!

**Spill the Ink Poetry Reading** Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Thursday, April 30 | 6:00 PM  
A live reading in celebration of our Spill the Ink poetry contest. All are welcome!

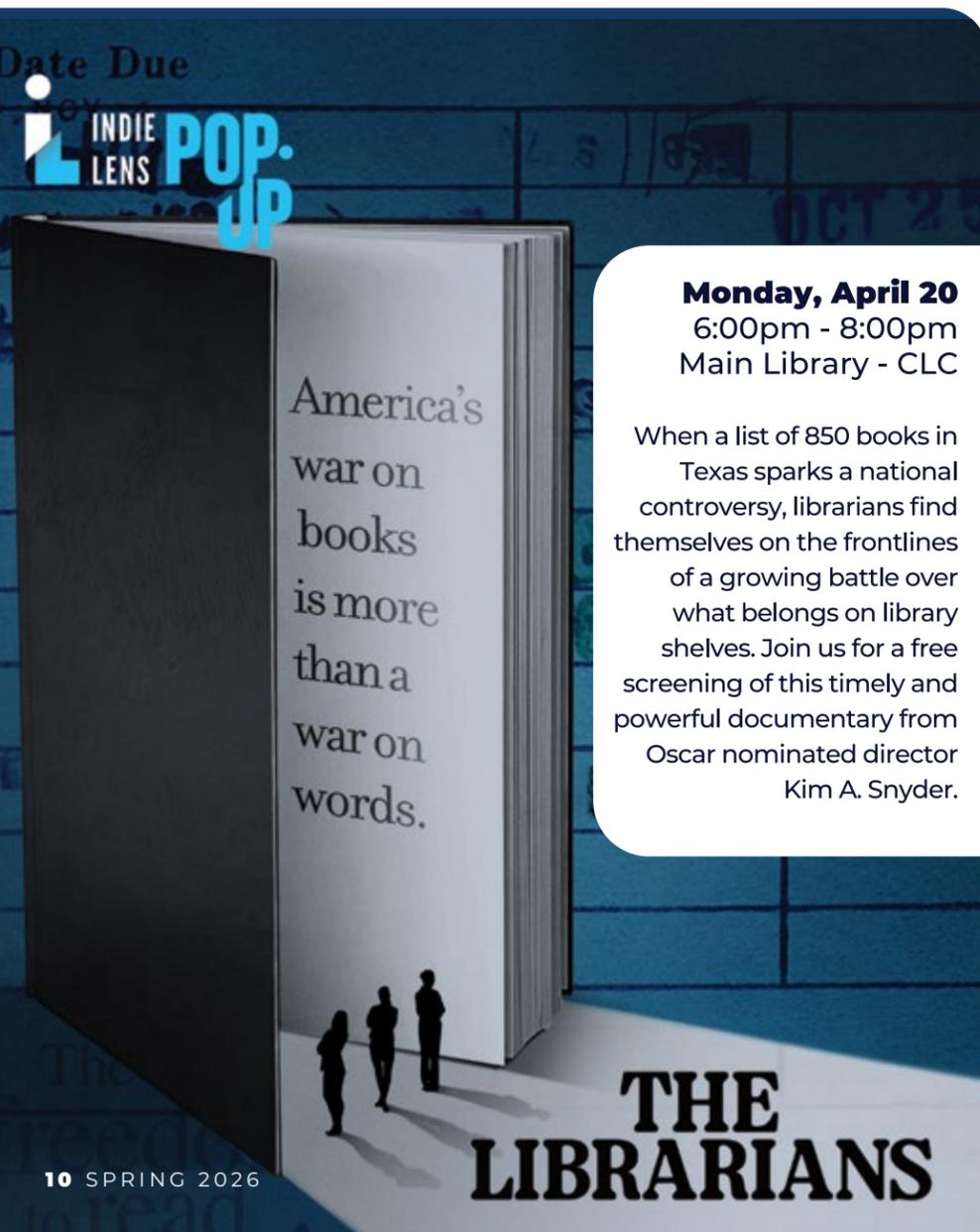
**Shein Trust Listen + Learn Children's Concert Series** Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra  
Main Library - Story House  
Friday, May 8 | 4:00 PM  
Join the South Bend Symphony's Wind Quintet as they perform a family-friendly concert in the cozy atmosphere of The Story House. All are welcome!

**Jumanji (1995)** The Page to Screen Film Series  
Main Library - CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Tuesday, May 12 | 6:00 PM  
An all ages film series highlighting films adapted from popular books.

**Velez Wilmouth Exhibit** Gallery Reception  
Main Library- 2nd Floor Gallery  
Thursday, May 14 | 5:30 PM  
Join us for the gallery reception for artist Velez Wilmouth!

**Family Art Night and Community Art Showcase** Tutt Branch  
Thursday, May 14 | 4:00 PM  
Bring the whole family to Tutt branch library to participate in hands-on art activities including a painting demonstration and Storytime!

**Go Wild for Summer!** River Park Branch  
Thursday, May 28 | 4:00 PM  
Kick off summer with a WILD time at the library! Join us for an afternoon of fun featuring a visit from the Potawatomi Zoo and other animal related activities!



**Monday, April 20**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Main Library - CLC

When a list of 850 books in Texas sparks a national controversy, librarians find themselves on the frontlines of a growing battle over what belongs on library shelves. Join us for a free screening of this timely and powerful documentary from Oscar nominated director Kim A. Snyder.

## THE LIBRARIANS

\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

# Spill the Ink

## POETRY CONTEST

**Spill the Ink** is an annual poetry contest for all ages. Each Spring, the community is encouraged to spill the ink and share their voice.

Submissions are accepted from **March 2 – April 6, 2026**

**Public Reading:**  
Thursday, April 30 | 6:00 p.m.  
Main Library  
Leighton Auditorium

Scan here to learn more and submit your work!



# America is Turning

by Lindsay Taylor

**T**his year, America turns 250 years old. It's our country's semiquincentennial anniversary, which means that this July 4th will mark 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was signed. This significant date allows us to reflect on our nation's past, investigate the present, and think about the future. Throughout the year we will consider how individual narratives come together to weave the tapestry of our neighborhoods, towns & region.

# 250

In 1681 a council which included members of the Potawatomi, the Miami and the Illinois met with Frenchman René-Robert Cavalier Sieur de La Salle under a large oak tree in what is now Highland Cemetery, South Bend. This tree came to be known as the Council Oak for the treaty meeting it bore witness to that day. The tree is estimated to have already been 100 years old at the time of the council, and sadly it was felled by a storm in the early 1990s. Only the stump of the oak remains and is commemorated by a historical marker plaque.



Loom with Textile | Likely made by Navajo (Diné) weaver Juanita, ca. 1874

Image via The Smithsonian

And while Indiana was not yet a state in 1776, we will still be creating space to think about what the landscape of our county looked like at that time, who the land was stewarded by, and how it has changed over the years.

We'll be contemplating which groups were excluded from the original vision of America and how people have worked together through history to affect change toward a more inclusive future.

And we'll be looking ahead to see how preserving and sharing our own stories can carry us forward into greater connection with each other. 250 years is a lot of ground to cover, so join the library for more semiquincentennial programming and events this year!

Check out this book list to find titles on the history of the American Revolution, the people who make up our country, and movements which have shaped the nation.



### *Living on Indigenous Landscapes:*

**Potawatomi and Settler Histories in Northern Indiana** with Dr. Luke Gasch

**Wednesday, May 6th | 6pm - 7pm | Main Library, Ballroom B**

Join Dr. Luke Gascho for this presentation and Q&A on the indigenous history of our region, and learn about current efforts and actions that can mend relationships between people and the land.

# 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.

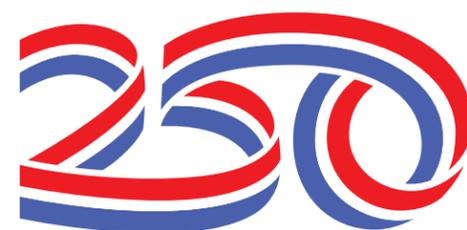
The course instructs learners on the language's unique grammatical structures, vocabulary, and cultural traditions, all recorded by language specialists from the community.

## 250 years. Countless stories. So many ways to celebrate.

Celebrate this historic milestone with special events, programs, and experiences at your library all year long. Scan the QR code to see what's happening and find your reason to celebrate.



AMERICA



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.



STUDIO 304

**Make Personalized Merch\***

Wednesday, March 25 | 6 - 7 pm

**Making Otome (Maiden) Games\***

Wednesday, April 29 | 6 - 7 pm

**Digital Painting\***

with Procreate

Wednesday, May 27 | 6 - 7 pm

\*Registration Required



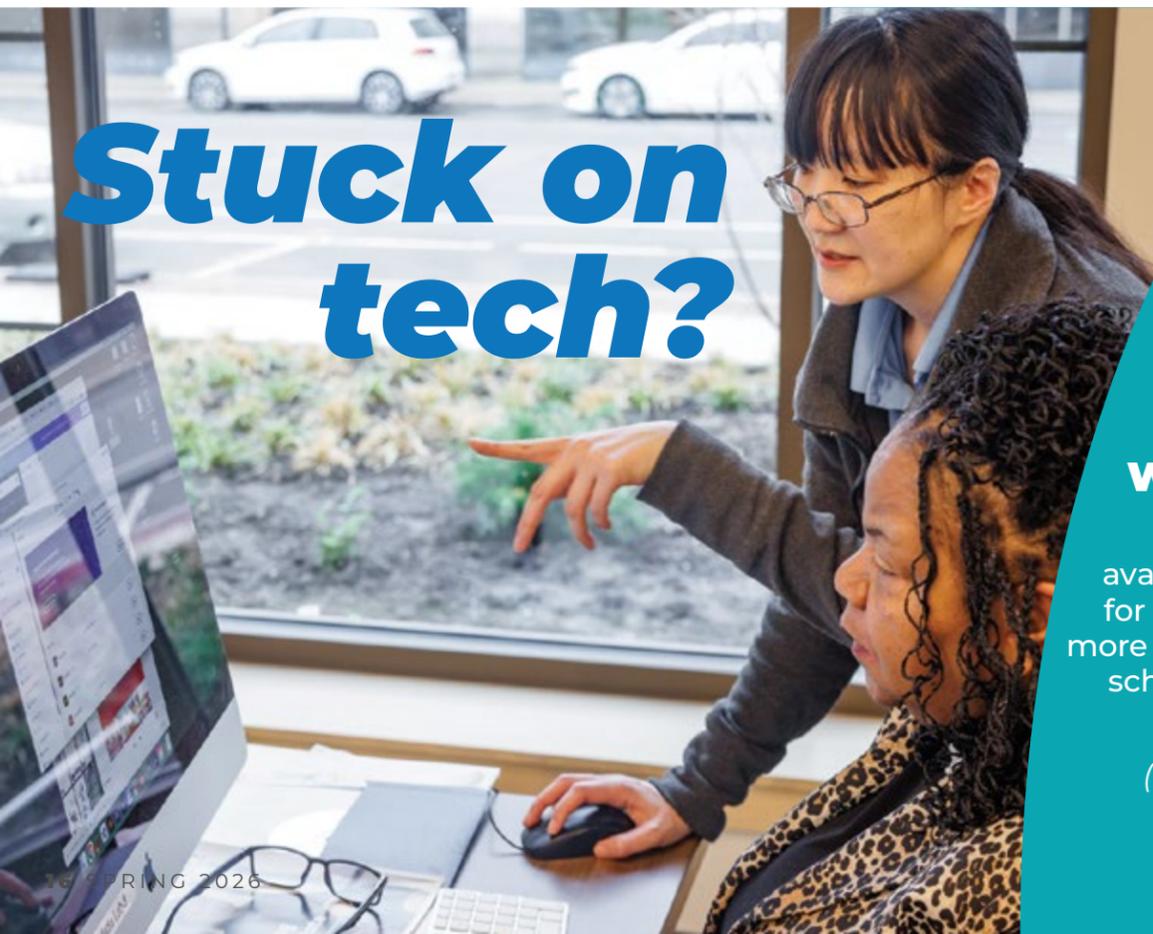
BookCon

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**Stuck on tech?**

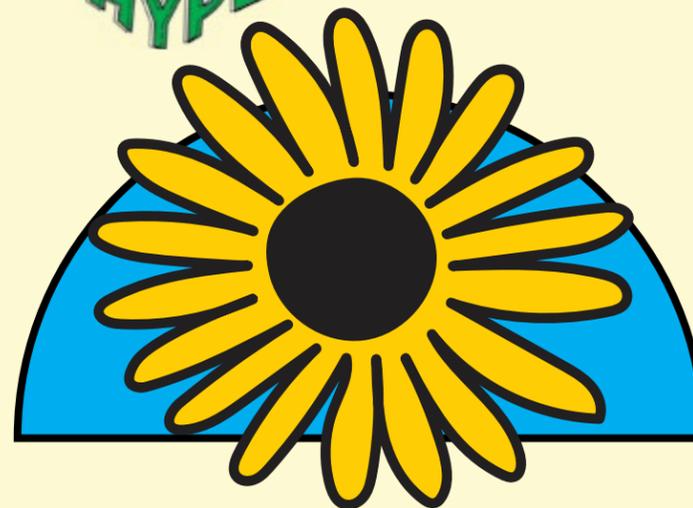


**We've Got You.**

Drop-in tech help is available at all locations for quick questions. For more in-depth assistance, schedule a one-on-one tech appointment

*(up to two 30-minute sessions per month).*

HOMEGROWN HYPE



**RAP TIME**

with Remi & Zeus

Explore hands-on beat production, enjoy a rap performance of a children's storybook, and get on the mic and learn how to freestyle! With local musicians ReminisceX and HeyZeus.

**Tuesday, March 17 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
River Park Branch

**Thursday, April 30 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
Tutt Branch

**For ages 6 - 11**

# We're Hatching Something *New* This Spring.

Keep an eye out for **Paige**, our new  
Early Literacy mascot, hatching  
this March alongside a brand-new  
reading initiative for kids ages 0–5.

