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EVENTS CALENDAR | NEWSLETTER

SUMMER READING

is back for 2026



SUMMER 2026
JUN/JUL/AUG

Main | 574.282.4646
304 S. Main St., South Bend 46601
Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 8 PM
Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun: CLOSED

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
Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

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:

- June 19, Juneteenth
- July 4, Independence Day
- September 7, Labor Day

All programs subject to change. Visit sjcpl.org for the most current information.

Design by Adrian Pacheco

Letter from the Executive Director

I recently spent a Saturday morning at the Art Institute of Chicago where I visited a couple of old favorites (John Singer Sargent) and discovered some new ones (Olinka Hrdy). The visit was a reminder of how much beauty exists around me, as I navigate some really hard things happening in my personal life. Often, these difficult life experiences make us feel alone in the world, but hard things in our personal lives are actually part of the shared human experience. If your family hasn't experienced serious illness, divorce, damaged friendships or family relationships, financial difficulties, or the loss of a loved one, you're living some kind of a charmed life that most of us can't relate to.

Generally, we don't like to talk about the hard things. But, it does help to talk about them, because if difficult life events are part of the shared human experience, so are the things that help us be resilient. Art, social connection, learning something new, and literature are among the things that can help us survive the hard things that life throws at us.

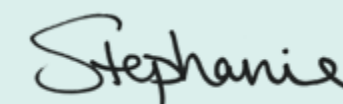
Social connection, both personal and collective, bring us moments of joy that balance the heartache: the couple of minutes I spent with a stranger admiring Hrdy's work; the astronauts on the recent Artemis II expedition sharing their "moon joy" with the world as Astronaut Victor Glover reminds us that the earth is this "beautiful place that we get to exist (in) together." These are protective factors that help individuals and communities get through hard times.

Libraries are fundamentally places that provide these opportunities for connection and feeling less alone in the world. Next time you're going through a rough patch, take some time to visit your neighborhood library. Chat with someone looking at the same books as you. Explore art at our second floor gallery or scattered through the Main library and our branches. Learn something new at one of our programs. Wander through our gardens at Centre or German. Or, just sit and work or read and feel like you belong.

"You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, who had ever been alive."

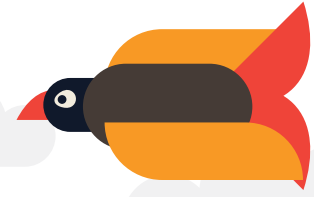
— James Baldwin

Happy reading,



Stephanie Murphy
Executive Director





SUMMER READING

JUNE 5 – AUGUST 7, 2026

Summer Vibes for All Ages.

Summer Reading 2026 offers reading goals, activities, and rewards for all ages. Whether you have a toddler learning new words, a teen exploring new genres, or you're an adult looking to discover the latest bestsellers, we've got you covered.

1. SIGN UP: Visit your local library or sign up online to get started. If you sign up at a branch, you'll get your free book and gift immediately. If you choose to sign up online, just stop by a branch to pick your book and gift!

2. LOG YOUR READING & ACTIVITIES: Use Beanstack or your physical tracker in Unfold to track books you read, audiobooks you listen to, and any summer-related activities you complete.

3. COLLECT MORE REWARDS: Come back in July for your second free book and gift. Keep logging your reading and activities to earn more points.

Sponsored by:



Summer Reading Kickoff

**Friday, June 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Main Library**

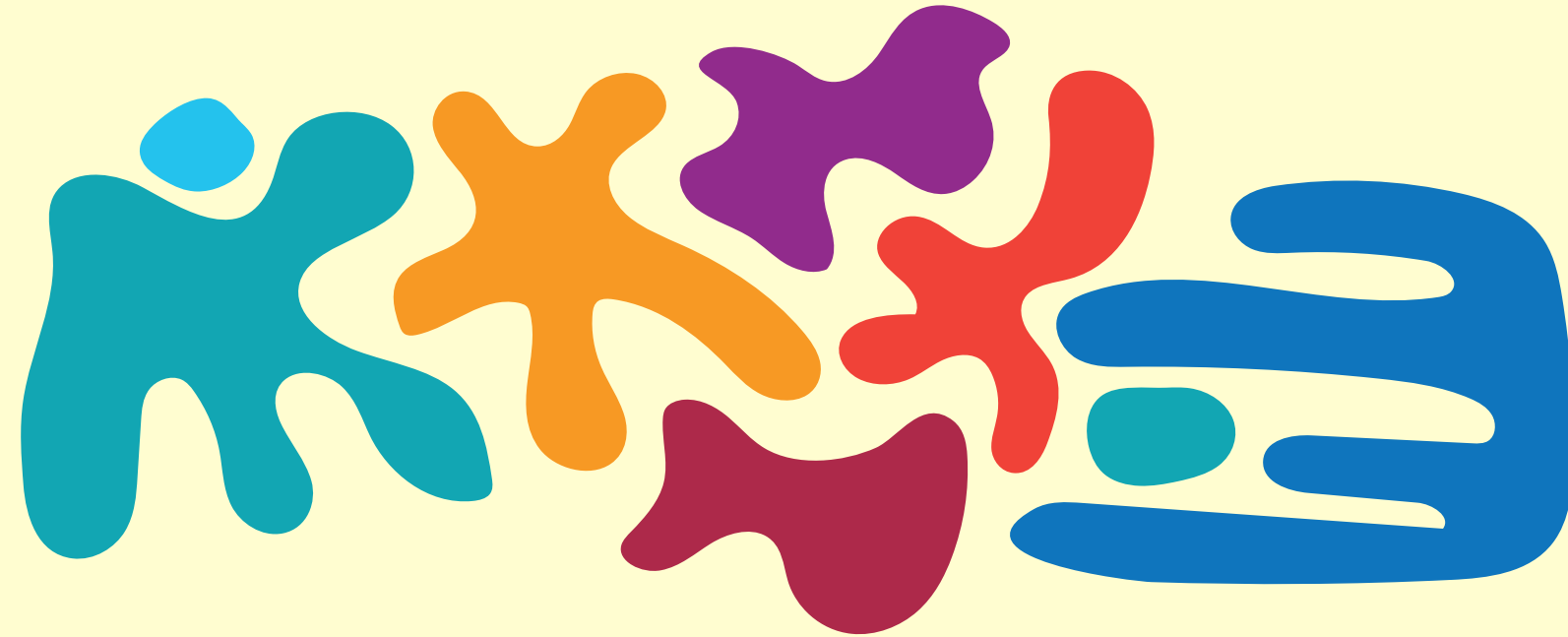
Enjoy various activities, live performances, and food from local vendors. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for summer reading, browse our full selection of free books, and receive a free tote for signing up!



Scan here to learn more!

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, June 15 | 10:30 AM
Francis
Monday, July 13 | 10:30 AM
Centre
Monday, August 3 | 10:30 AM

STORYTIME (AGES 3-5)

Main Library
Thursdays | 10:30 AM
Thursdays, Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6 | 5:30 PM
Centre
Wednesdays | 10:30 AM
Francis
Tuesdays | 10:30 AM
German
Mondays | 10:30 AM
Lakeville
Jun 4, 18* Jul 2, 16, 30, Aug 13, 27 | 10:30 AM
North Liberty
Jun 11, 25, Jul 9, 23, Aug 6, 20 | 10:30 AM
River Park
Thursdays | 10:30 AM
Tutt
Tuesdays | 10:30 AM
Western
Wednesdays | 10:30 AM

*Storytime at Potato Creek State Park Nature Center

PLAYTIME (AGES 3-5)

Main Library
Tuesdays | 10:30 AM

SENSORY TIME (AGES 3-9)

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED
Centre
Tuesdays, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18 | 5 PM

Children

Films in the Storyhouse: Wild Robot Main Library - Story House Mon, Jun 1 | 4:00PM

Get comfy in the Storyhouse and enjoy a movie! Light snacks provided. Parental discretion advised based on movie rating. Wild Robot is rated PG.

Kids' Yoga and a Story with Bend Yoga Main Library - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard Mon, Jun 8 | 10:30 AM

Meet in the courtyard for movement, a story and mindfulness. Use yoga to explore the story of The Hungry Plant by Renato Moriconi. Wear comfy clothes you can move in! Ages 8 and under recommended.

Summer Book Party: Diary of a Wimpy Kid Main Library - Story House Mon, Jun 8 | 4:30 PM

Calling all Diary of a Wimpy Kid fans! Join us for a party full of fun activities, crafts, and trivia straight out of the stories you love. Light snacks will be provided. Geared toward ages 6 - 11.

Circuits: Explore Electricity STEAM Lab River Park Branch Tue, Jun 9 | 4:00 PM

Learn how electrons flow through conductors to create electricity. Work together to make a giant circuit, build Squishy Circuits and Snap Circuits. One hour program; ages 8 to 12 recommended.

Camp Craft Main Library - Story House Jun 11, Jun 18, Jun 25, Jul 2, Jul 9, Jul 16 | 3:30 PM

In this series of camp-inspired crafts, you will learn new skills using a variety of materials, tools, and crafting staples. Ages 6 - 12

Magic Show with Abracadabra Magic German Township Branch Thu, Jun 11 | 4:00 PM

Magician Kevin Wilson will mystify and entertain with his unique magic tricks. All ages are welcome.

Firefly Award Read-a-Thon Main Library - Story House Sat, Jun 13 | 10:30 AM

Join us as we read the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award picture book nominees and create crafts. Children ages 0-5 can vote for which book they think should win the award! Light snacks provided.

Pokemon Lunch Bunch Centre Township Branch Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8 | 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 Pokemon. Tailored toward ages 6-11.

Lego Builder Challenge Main Library - Story House Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 17 | 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.

Talk With Your Baby* Presented by the Robinson Community Learning Center Western Branch Jun 16, Jun 23, Jun 30, Jul 7, Jul 14, Jul 28, Aug 4, Aug 11 | 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.

Colorful Chemistry - Cause a reaction with the ND Chem Demo Team Tutt Branch Tue, Jun 16 | 5:00 PM

Explore acids, bases, and pH scale with three artful hands-on experiments. Learn about chemistry by predicting, testing, and creating with common household products. Ages 6-11 welcome.

Lego Night Tutt Branch Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20 | 4:00 PM

Join us each month for a new building challenge. Test your building and creativity skills. Recommended ages 6 to 11.

Water Babies Main Library - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard Jun 22, Jul 20, Aug 17 | 10:30 AM

Join us as we splash and play with the wonderful world of water play. Recommended for ages 0-3. Weather permitting.

Nature Detectives: Trees, Bees, & Animal Needs with St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District Centre Township Branch Jun 22, Jul 13, Aug 17 | 11:00 AM

Join for one or all three in the series! Each hands on lesson explores a new topic, boosting observation and journaling skills to deepen curiosity and connection to nature. Ages 6-11 recommended.

Pokemon Power Hour Main Library - Story House Jun 22, Jul 27, Aug 24 | 4:30 PM

Master your skills as a Pokemon trading card player with Pokemon Power Hour. We'll learn about Pokemon world via trivia, crafts, trading cards and exciting matches.

Pokemon Party! River Park Branch Tue, Jun 23 | 4:30 PM

Play, trade, win. Catch em all! Make a Pokemon themed craft, target pokemon in the live action catch encounter space, and play with other enthusiasts. All level players welcome.

Kids' Zumba with Marissa Main Library - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard Wed, Jun 24 | 5:00 PM

Dance, wiggle and play games to upbeat music with a certified Zumba instructor. In the case of inclement weather, event will be held in the Storyhouse. Ages 6-11 recommended.

Magic Show with Abracadabra Magic North Liberty Branch Fri, Jun 26 | 3:30 PM

Magician Kevin Wilson will mystify and entertain with his unique magic tricks. All ages are welcome.

South Bend Symphony Orchestra presents Tales & Tunes Main Library - Story House Sat, Jun 27 | 12:00 PM

Join Symphony musician & author Diana Shelton Ford and illustrator Lee Bauman for a live reading of Long Neck Lucy Learns the Watusi and music, followed by a fun craft! Recommended for 8 and under.

Dino Train with PBS Michiana WNIT Main Library - Story House Mon, Jun 29 | 10:30 AM

Join PBS Michiana for an interactive presentation featuring the PBS KIDS animated series Dinosaur Train.

Story Builders: Creative Writing & Bookbinding Main Library - Story House Mon, Jun 29 | 4:30 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.

Films in the Storyhouse: Zootopia 2 Main Library - Story House Mon, Jul 6 | 4:00 PM

Get comfy in the Storyhouse and enjoy a movie! Light snacks provided. Parental discretion advised based on movie rating. Zootopia 2 is rated PG.

Twirl at the Library! - Mini Beginner Baton Clinic With Spotlight Performers Main Library - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard Wed, Jul 8 | 5:00 PM

Watch the Spotlight Performers twirl, learn a baton routine of twirl basics, and then perform a short routine with the group. Geared to beginners and new twirlers. Spaced limited to 20 participants.

Fire Truck Visit - America 250 with Centre Township Fire Rescue Centre Township Branch Thu, Jul 9 | 11:00 AM

A fire truck is coming to our library! Take a tour of of the truck and learn about safety from our local first responders. Weather permitting. All ages welcome.

Summer Book Party: Dog Man Main Library - Story House Mon, Jul 13 | 4:30 PM

Calling all Dog Man fans! Join us for a party full of fun activities, crafts, and trivia straight out of the stories you love. Light snacks will be provided. Geared toward ages 6 - 11.

Magic Show with Abracadabra Magic Western Branch Wed, Jul 15 | 4:00 PM

Magician Kevin Wilson will mystify and entertain with his unique magic tricks. All ages are welcome.

Water Babies Centre Township Branch Jul 27, Aug 10 | 10:30 AM

Join us in the Story Garden as we splash and play with the wonderful world of water play. Recommended for ages 0-3. Weather permitting.

The Peace Dragon Presented by the South Bend Human Rights Commission Main Library - Story House Tue, Jul 28 | 2:00 PM

Join a reading of the book THE PEACE DRAGON by Linda Ragsdale, a tale that encourages kids to always keep their eyes and our hearts open, followed by a coloring activity. Ages 5 to 7 are welcome.

Celebrate America 250 with PBS Michiana Main Library - Story House Wed, Jul 29 | 3:00 PM

Join us for an interactive presentation featuring PBS KIDS America's Awesome Kids shorts and a special new episode of City Island USA.

Pokemon Party! Francis Branch Sat, Aug 1 | 11:00 AM

Play, trade, win. Catch em all! Make a Pokemon themed craft, target pokemon in the live action catch encounter space, and play with other enthusiasts. All level players welcome.

Films in the Storyhouse: Hoppers Main Library - Story House Mon, Aug 3 | 4:00 PM

Get comfy in the Storyhouse and enjoy a movie! Light snacks provided. Parental discretion advised based on movie rating. Hoppers is rated PG.

Dinosaur Pirates presented by Roz Puppets Main Library - Leighton Auditorium Mon, Aug 3 | 2:00 PM

Hit the high seas with a story of prehistoric proportions. A treasure chest of music, antics, and audience participation. This show has been millions of years in the making. All ages welcome.

Summer Book Party: Wings of Fire Main Library - Story House Mon, Aug 10 | 4:30 PM

Calling all Wings of Fire fans! Join us for a party full of fun activities, crafts, and trivia straight out of the stories you love. Light snacks will be provided. Geared toward ages 6 - 11.

Busy Summer Wildlife with St. Joseph County Parks Main Library - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard Tue, Aug 11 | 2:00 PM

Discover how native wildlife grows and thrives in the summer. Catch bugs like a frog, examine butterfly wings and make fish slime! In the event of extreme weather, meet in the Storyhouse. Ages 6-11.

If AI Had Life: A Sci-Fi AI Story and Mini Lab Presented by University of Notre Dame Electrical Engineering Main Library - Story House Thu, Aug 13 | 3:00 PM

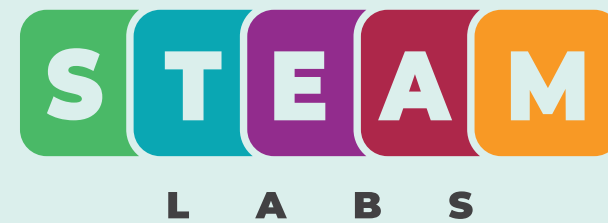
Enjoy a fun AI program with a sci-fi story, a simple intro to AI, a hands-on mini lab, and a free book. Learn what AI is and how it's part of everyday life. Geared to ages 7 - 12.

Colorful Chemistry - Cause a reaction with the ND Chem Demo Team Lakeville Branch Tue, Aug 18 | 5:00 PM

Explore acids, bases, and pH scale with three artful hands-on experiments. Learn about chemistry by predicting, testing, and creating with common household products. Ages 6-11 welcome.

Story Builders SPOOKY Edition Creative Writing & Monster Bookmarks Main Library - Story House Mon, Aug 31 | 4:30 PM

Explore creative writing through collaborative storytelling games and spooky writing prompts and make DIY monster bookmarks to take home! Recommended for ages 8-12



Circuits: Explore Electricity

Learn how electrons flow through conductors to create electricity. Work together to make a giant circuit, build Squishy Circuits and Snap Circuits.

For Ages 8-12

Tinker. Build. Create.

Western Branch • Tuesday, 3:30pm
June 2

River Park Branch • Tuesday, 4pm
June 9

Centre Branch • Thursday, 4pm
June 25

Lakeville Branch • Tuesday, 4pm
July 7

Tutt Branch • Wednesday, 4pm
July 8

North Liberty Branch • Friday, 3:30pm
July 31

Francis Branch • Tuesday, 4pm
August 4

German Branch • Wednesday, 3:30pm
August 5

LaSalle Branch • Thursday, 4pm
August 6

Teen

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Main Library - Teen Room

Tue, Jun 2 | 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

Wed, Jun 3 | 4:30 PM

Join us Wednesdays for a chance to earn fun small prizes and socialize with others!

Dungeons & Dragons

Main Library - Teen Room

Jun 6, Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 1, Aug 15 | 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!

Dungeons and Dragons

Centre Township Branch

Wed, Jun 10 | 5:30 PM

Whether you are a seasoned player or want to learn how to play, join us for this thrilling fantasy tabletop role-playing game.

Bingo

Main Library - Teen Room

Every Wednesday: Jun 10 - Aug 12 | 2:00 PM

Join us Wednesdays for a chance to earn fun small prizes and socialize with others!

Cozy Crafting Weaving Potholders

Main Library - Teen Room

Tue, Jun 16 | 2:00 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.

Make Boba Tea a Flight of Three Flavors

Lakeville Branch

Wed, Jun 17 | 4:00 PM

Try three different boba tea recipes! Make your own flight of mini boba teas while learning about the origins of this popular beverage.

Guitar for Beginners - Intro to Guitar

Main Library - Teen Room

Thu, Jun 18 | 2:00 PM

Are you thinking of learning guitar? This series is perfect for those just starting their musical journey! All materials provided.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Main Library - Teen Room

Tue, Jul 7 | 2:00 PM

Put your gaming skills to the test as you battle others in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. Food and drinks provided while supplies last.

Guitar for Beginners - Learn Chords

Main Library - Teen Room

Thu, Jul 16 | 2:00 PM

Are you thinking of learning guitar? This series is perfect for those just starting their musical journey! All materials provided.

Cozy Crafting Simple Stitches: Plastic Canvas Designs

Main Library - Teen Room

Tue, Jul 21 | 2:00 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.

Make Boba Tea A Flight of Three Flavors

Francis Branch

Tue, Jul 21 | 4:00 PM

Try three different boba tea recipes! Make your own flight of mini boba teas while learning about the origins of this popular beverage.

Dungeons and Dragons

Tutt Branch

Tue, Jul 28 | 4:00 PM

Whether you are a seasoned player or want to learn how to play, join us for this thrilling fantasy tabletop role-playing game.

Rad Rice

Main Library - Teen Room

Thu, Jul 30 | 4:30 PM

In this program we'll be making onigiri (Japanese Rice Balls) and learning about how this simple dish has taken over a whole nation. Recommended Ages: 12-18

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Main Library - Teen Room

Tue, Aug 4 | 2:00 PM

Put your gaming skills to the test as you battle others in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. Food and drinks provided while supplies last.

Hand You're Dealt - A Teen Budget Game

Main Library - Teen Room

Thu, Aug 13 | 2:00 PM

Learn how to budget using a homemade card game. How much money will you have saved before the game ends? Snacks and drinks available while supplies last.

Cozy Crafting Macrame Keychains

Main Library - Teen Room

Tue, Aug 18 | 2:00 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.

Bingo

Main Library - Teen Room

Wed, Aug 19 | 4:30 PM

Join us Wednesdays for a chance to earn fun small prizes and socialize with others!

Guitar for Beginners - How to Learn Songs

Main Library - Teen Room

Thu, Aug 20 | 4:30 PM

Are you thinking of learning guitar? This series is perfect for those just starting their musical journey! All materials provided.

Make Boba Tea a Flight of Three Flavors

German Township Branch

Thu, Aug 20 | 3:30 PM

Try three different boba tea recipes! Make your own flight of mini boba teas while learning about the origins of this popular beverage.

Jewelry Making

North Liberty Branch

Fri, Aug 21 | 3:30 PM

Create your own buttons, earrings, necklaces or bracelets with resin charms and Shrinky Dinks.

Dungeons and Dragons

Western Branch

Tue, Aug 25 | 3:30 PM

Whether you are a seasoned player or want to learn how to play, join us for this thrilling fantasy tabletop role-playing game.

Bingo

Main Library - Teen Room

Wed, Aug 26 | 4:30 PM

Join us Wednesdays for a chance to earn fun small prizes and socialize with others!

Jewelry Making

LaSalle Branch

Thu, Aug 26 | 4:00 PM

Create your own buttons, earrings, necklaces or bracelets with resin charms and Shrinky Dinks.

Jewelry Making

River Park Branch

Thu, Aug 27 | 4:00 PM

Create your own buttons, earrings, necklaces or bracelets with resin charms and Shrinky Dinks.

Adult

Entrepreneur Q&A with Sharon K. Harvey and Nicole Scott

presented by the U.S. Small Business Administration

Main Library - CLC - Ballroom A

Wed, Jun 3 | 12:00 PM

Calling all entrepreneurs! This is your opportunity to meet and talk with Indiana District Specialist, Sharon Harvey and Nicole Scott, Founder of the Midwest Invitational Rodeo Series.

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

Crafting

Connections

River Park Branch

Thu, Jun 4 | 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!

Wearable Whimsy! Polymer Clay

Accessories

LaSalle Branch

Fri, Jun 5 | 10:30 AM

Want to bring some whimsy into your everyday life? Make a pair of one-of-a-kind earrings or a brooch to accessorize with your next outfit, using polymer clay. Materials provided!

New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment

Presented by Aging

Connections

Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

Tue, Jun 9 | 3:30 PM

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's Disease and new advancements in Alzheimer's treatments. Led by J. D. Stonecypher, Community Engagement Manager-Northern Indiana, Alzheimer's Association.

Beach Reads & Iced Teas!

Francis Branch

Wed, Jun 10 | 5:30 PM

Enjoy some iced teas paired with the perfect beach reads, curated by our librarians! Leave with some great reads, a fan to keep cool during the heat, and a new summer drink obsession.

Pages in Time

Centre Township Branch

Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13 | 1:00 PM

Read and discuss a new historical fiction book each month with fellow history enthusiasts. Call Centre Branch for this month's selection (574) 251-3700.

Club de Libro Spanish Book Club

Western Branch

Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8 | 3:00 PM

-ºHaz amigos mientras lees, escuchas audiolibros o podcasts y compartes tus ideas! Un espacio para descubrir historias, explorar juntos y disfrutar de grandes conversaciones. -ºTe esperamos!

Beginning Genealogy*

Main Library - CLC - Classroom B

Mon, Jun 15 | 6:30 PM

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

Coffee and Classics

Main Library - CLC - Classroom C

Jun 16, Aug 18 | 6:00 PM

Grab a cup of coffee and gab about a classic! Each quarter we'll discuss a seasonally-appropriate title from classic literature!

Buying a Home

Presented by Luis Zapata,

First Source Bank

Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

Wed, Jun 17 | 5:30 PM

In this workshop you will learn the basics of mortgages and how to be prepared to apply for a loan and buy a home.

The Story Exchange* a Story Sharing

Session

Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

Thu, Jun 18 | 5:30 PM

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

Southside Book Club

Centre Township Branch

Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20 | 5:30 PM

Expand your horizons with fellow enthusiasts to read and discuss a mixture of titles, recommended by club members. For this month's selection call the Centre Branch.

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic

Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer

Network

LaSalle Branch

Thu, Jun 18 | 11:00 AM

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

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza!

Crafting

Connections

North Liberty Branch

Thu, Jun 18 | 5:30 PM

Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

Genealogy Book Study*

Main Library - CLC - Classroom A

Jun 20, Jul 18 | 10:15 AM

Participants will gather monthly to discuss chapters of the book Mastering Genealogical Proof by Thomas W. Jones.



NATURE DETECTIVES

Trees, Bees, & Animal Needs

with St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District

Mondays, June 22, July 13, & August 17

11:00am - 12:00pm

Centre Township Branch

Join for one or all three in the series! Each hands on lesson explores a new topic, boosting observation and journaling skills to deepen curiosity and connection to nature.

Ages 6-11 recommended.

Sunshine on Miami

A carnival-type event with popcorn, face-painting, games, and community partners focusing on safety and wellness.

Tutt Branch Library

Thursday, August 6 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Liberty's Readers
North Liberty Branch
Jun 23, Jul 28, Aug 25 | 4:00 PM
Explore a wide range of genres with our fearless readers!

Chair Yoga for Seniors with Melissa Gunter (RYT-200), Traveling Yogi LLC
North Liberty Branch
Tue, Jun 23 | 5:30 PM
Chair yoga classes provide a great form of physical fitness, tailored to improve your mobility, mental health and more!

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza! Crafting Connections
River Park Branch
Tue, Jun 23 | 10:30 AM
Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

A Beginner's Guide to AI with Dr. Crystal DeJaegher, University of Notre Dame
River Park Branch
Thu, Jun 25 | 5:30 PM
Have you heard the buzz about generative artificial intelligence (e.g., ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Claude) but aren't sure exactly what it is or why it matters?

Book Talks
Francis Branch
Jun 30, Jul 28, Aug 25 | 1:00 PM
Come join us for Book Talks! This book club meets in person on the last Tuesday of every month. Be a part of the discussion by sharing your review of your current reads!

Resumes & Resources
North Liberty Branch
Tue, Jun 30 | 5:30 PM
Learn what goes into a good resume and what library resources are available to help you in the job searching process. There will be extra time for hands-on work.

Beach Reads & Iced Teas!
LaSalle Branch
Thu, Jul 9 | 5:30 PM
Enjoy some iced teas paired with the perfect beach reads, curated by our librarians! Leave with some great reads, a fan to keep cool during the heat, and a new summer drink obsession.

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls* presented by REAL Services
Centre Township Branch
Jul 10, Jul 17, Jul 24, Jul 31, Aug 14, Aug 21, Aug 28, Sep 4 | 10:00 AM
This 8-week program for adults age 60+ helps increase balance & strength. Learn skills to manage falls risk & improve activity levels. Includes light exercise. Limited space, please register.

A Beginner's Guide to AI with Dr. Crystal DeJaegher, University of Notre Dame
Tutt Branch
Mon, Jul 13 | 5:30 PM
Have you heard the buzz about generative artificial intelligence (e.g., ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Claude) but aren't sure exactly what it is or why it matters?

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza! Crafting Connections
Lakeville Branch
Tue, Jul 14 | 10:30 AM
Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

Telecommunications Assistive Technology Presented by Aging Connections
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall
Tue, Jul 14 | 3:30 PM
Speech-to-Speech relay service promotes telephone access for people living with conditions that affect speech. Presented by Andy Fitzenrider, Relay Indiana STS Outreach.

Painting Botanicals with Watercolor
LaSalle Branch
Wed, Jul 15 | 10:30 AM
Learn watercolor basics using natural flora as a basis! We will paint from life using flowers, leaves, small plants, and more.

Genealogy Coffee Chat
Main Library - CLC
Sat, Jul 18 | 9:00 AM
Meet with fellow genealogists to share success stories and brick walls.

Chair Yoga for Seniors with Melissa Gunter (RYT-200), Traveling Yogi LLC
Western Branch
Tue, Jul 21 | 5:30 PM
Chair yoga classes provide a great form of physical fitness, tailored to improve your mobility, mental health and more!

Intro to Ancestry*
LaSalle Branch
Thu, Jul 23 | 6:00 PM
Become a savvy researcher with this introduction to Ancestry Library Edition.

The Story Exchange* a Story Sharing Session
Main Library - Study Room L201
Thu, Jul 23 | 5:30 PM
Calling all story tellers! This is a chance to share a 5-minute story following the theme "progress." All are welcome to join and listen. Registration requested to share a story.

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic
Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network
Centre Township Branch
Thu, Jul 23 | 11:00 AM
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza! Crafting Connections
German Township Branch
Thu, Jul 23 | 10:30 AM
Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza! Crafting Connections
Western Branch
Tue, Jul 28 | 5:30 PM
Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza! Crafting Connections
Tutt Branch
Tue, Jul 4 | 10:30 AM
Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

An Introduction to Junk Journaling
LaSalle Branch
Wed, Aug 5 | 10:30 AM
Are you interested in mixed media journaling but don't know where to start? This workshop is for you! We'll cover all the possible materials you can save and use from your everyday life.

Chair Yoga for Seniors with Melissa Gunter (RYT-200), Traveling Yogi LLC
Centre Township Branch
Thu, Aug 6 | 5:30 PM
Chair yoga classes provide a great form of physical fitness, tailored to improve your mobility, mental health and more!

Home Safety, Room by Room: Steps to Age Safely at Home Presented by Aging Connections
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall
Tue, Aug 11 | 3:30 PM
Discover practical, easy-to-implement ways to make your home safer, Å one room at a time. Presented by Marlies Selent-West, Marketing Representative, Goshen Home Medical

The Big Short by Michael Lewis Making Cents: A Personal Finance Club
German Township Branch
Tue, Aug 11 | 10:30 AM
The Big Short is a 2010 book by Michael Lewis that explains the 2008 financial crisis by focusing on a group of outsiders who predicted the collapse and profited from it.

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic
Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network
Western Branch
Thu, Aug 13 | 11:00 AM
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza! Crafting Connections
Francis Branch
Thu, Aug 13 | 10:30 AM
Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

A Beginner's Guide to AI with Dr. Crystal DeJaegher, University of Notre Dame
Lakeville Branch
Mon, Aug 17 | 5:30 PM
Have you heard the buzz about generative artificial intelligence (e.g., ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Claude) but aren't sure exactly what it is or why it matters?

Studio 304 Creator Meetups*
Studio 304
1st & 3rd Wed. in June, July, Aug | 6:00 PM
Combine forces with other area creatives to develop projects to be part of this year's Studio 304 Summer Showcase!

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza! Crafting Connections
LaSalle Branch
Wed, Aug 19 | 10:30 AM
Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

The Story Exchange* a Story Sharing Session
Main Library - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall
Thu, Aug 20 | 5:30 PM
Calling all story tellers! This is a chance to share a 5-minute story following the theme "new perspectives." All are welcome to join and listen. Registration requested to share a story.

Beach Reads & Iced Teas!
German Township Branch
Tue, Aug 25 | 5:30 PM
Enjoy some iced teas paired with the perfect beach reads, curated by our librarians! Leave with some great reads, a fan to keep cool during the heat, and a new summer drink obsession.

Embroidery Sampler Bonanza! Crafting Connections
Centre Township Branch
Thu, Aug 27 | 10:30 AM
Sit and stitch with us at the Library! You'll learn basics like setting up a hoop and threading needles and embroidery stitches of all shapes and sizes: straight, decorative, and knots.

Researching Revolutionary War Ancestors*
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Sat, Aug 29 | 10:00 AM
Explore the records of your Revolutionary War ancestors with three lectures from guest speaker Craig R. Scott, C.G. on military records, pensions, and bounty lands.



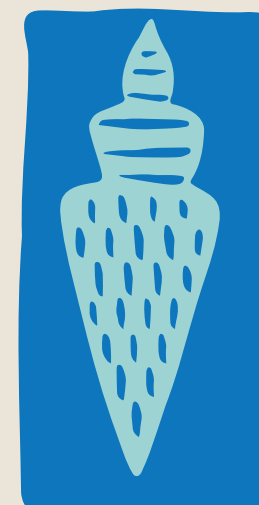
Adult Art Programs at LaSalle Branch

Let your creativity flourish in and around the library with artistic tools and materials available for check out at the newly renovated LaSalle Branch.

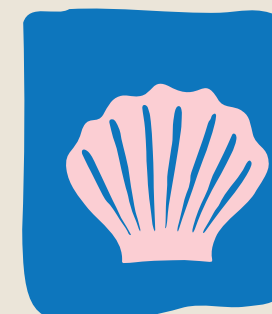
Wearable Whimsy! Polymer Clay Accessories
Friday, June 05 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

Painting Botanicals with Watercolor
Wednesday, July 15 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

An Introduction to Junk Journaling
Wednesday, August 5 | 10:30am - 12:00pm



Beach Reads & Iced Teas



5:30 - 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 10 | Francis Branch
Thursday, July 9 | LaSalle Branch
Tuesday, August 25 | German Branch

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All Ages

The Post (PG-13) America 250 Film Series
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Mon, Jun 1 | 6:00 PM
Join us for a film series with movies themed around 250 years of America! The Post (2017) is a historical political thriller directed by Steven Spielberg.

Summer Reading Kickoff Block Party
Main Library
Fri, Jun 5 | 5:00 PM
It's a Summer Reading Kickoff Block Party on Michigan Street! Enjoy activities, live performances, and food from local vendors. Sign up for Summer Reading and get a prize! For all ages.

Cowboy Conversations Presented by Midwest Invitational Rodeo
Main Library - Story House
Mon, Jun 15 | 2:00 PM
Meet Cowboy Brian, a real life cowboy from Midwest Invitational Rodeo. Learn about the history of the cowboy hat, and enjoy cowboy crafts and refreshments. For all ages.

South Bend: Built By Baseball WNIT Docs and Discussion Series
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Mon, Jun 15 | 6:00 PM
South Bend: Built By Baseball is a one hour documentary that explores South Bend's rich history with America's favorite pastime.

National Treasure (PG) America 250 Film Series
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Tue, Jun 16 | 6:00 PM
Join us for a film series with movies themed around 250 years of America! National Treasure (2004) is an action adventure film directed by Jon Turteltaub.

Remix Your Routine Presented by Whole Armor Health and Fitness
Main Library - CLC - Ballroom
Jun 17, Jul 1, Jul 15, Jul 29 | 5:30 PM
Take the boring out of everyday nutrition and fitness. This class engages your senses, teaches lifelong healthy habits, and includes a light snack and energizing movement for the whole family.

Community Curated Exhibit Gallery Reception
Main Library - 2nd Floor Gallery
Thu, Jun 18 | 5:30 PM
Join us for the gallery reception for the community curated art exhibit!

Juneteenth Celebration
Western Branch
Thu, Jun 18 | 4:30 PM
The Western Branch is excited to host a Juneteenth celebration to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States and promote diversity, inclusivity, and unity within the community.

Line Dancing with Lorenzo
Main Library - CLC - Ballroom
Tue, Jul 7 | 6:00 PM
Kick up your heels with line dance instructor Lorenzo Davis. For all ages.

America 250 Celebration
Main Library - CLC
Sat, Jul 11 | 11:00 AM
Celebrate 250 years of the United States of America with activities, a community art project, and performances by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and Riley O'Conner and Molly B. Moon. For all ages.

Felicity: An American Girl Adventure (G)
America 250 Film Series
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Tue, Jul 14 | 6:00 PM
Join us for a film series with movies themed around 250 years of America! Felicity: An American Girl Adventure (2005) is a family drama directed by Nadia Tass.

Addicott Chamber Music Festival: Showcase Concert
River Park Branch
Tuesday, Jul 14 | 11:00 AM
Student participants of the Louise E. Addicott Summer Chamber Music Festival at IU South Bend will perform a family friendly concert for all to enjoy!

Addicott Chamber Music Festival: Showcase Concert
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Thu, Jul 16 | 7:00 PM
Student participants of the Louise E. Addicott Summer Chamber Music Festival at IU South Bend will perform a family friendly concert for all to enjoy!

Party in the Garden
Centre Township Branch
Fri, Jul 17 | 4:00 PM
Join us for a garden party celebration! Visit the recently renovated Centre Story Garden for nature-themed crafts, yard games, music, and light snacks. All ages invited, held rain or shine.

Summer Safety Event Presented by St. Joseph County Department of Health
Main Library - CLC
Sat, Jul 18 | 11:00 AM
Access vital safety education and connect directly with local organizations at this free health and resource fair hosted by the St. Joseph County Department of Health's EMBER program.

Terrible Tony X Gallery Reception
Main Library - 2nd Floor Gallery
Thu, Jul 30 | 5:30 PM
Join us for the gallery reception for the artist Terrible Tony X!

La Loteria
Western Branch
Jun 6, Jul 11, Aug 1 | 3:00 PM
Join us for a family game of la loteria, a traditional Mexican game of chance similar to bingo. Enjoy snacks and the chance to win prizes.

Sunshine on Miami
Tutt Branch
Thu, Aug 6 | 4:00 PM
Get ready to shine this school year! Join us for an afternoon filled with games, snacks, prizes, and special community partners to get excited to start the school year off right!

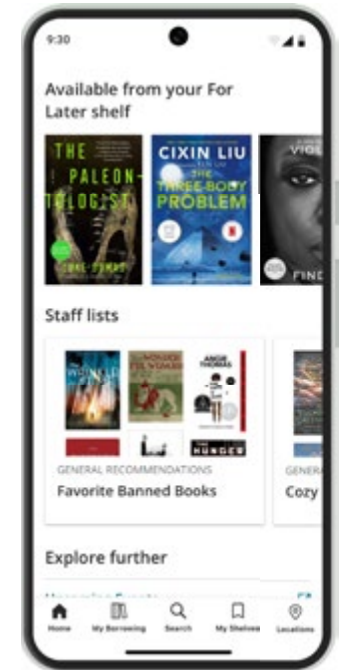
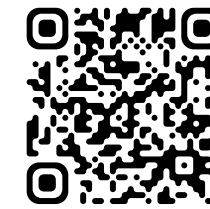
1776 (PG) America 250 Film Series
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Tue, Aug 11 | 6:00 PM
Join us for a film series with movies themed around 250 years of America! 1776 (1972) is a historical musical directed by Jon H. Hunt.

Hidden Figures (PG) America 250 Film Series
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Mon, Aug 24 | 6:00 PM
Hidden Figures (2016), directed by Theodore Melfi and starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, and Janelle Monae, tells the true story of three brilliant Black women mathematicians at NASA.

Studio 304 Summer Showcase Presentation
Main Library - Leighton Auditorium
Wed, Aug 26 | 6:00 PM
An evening featuring presentations and Q&A with the area artists participating in this year's Studio 304 Summer Showcase.

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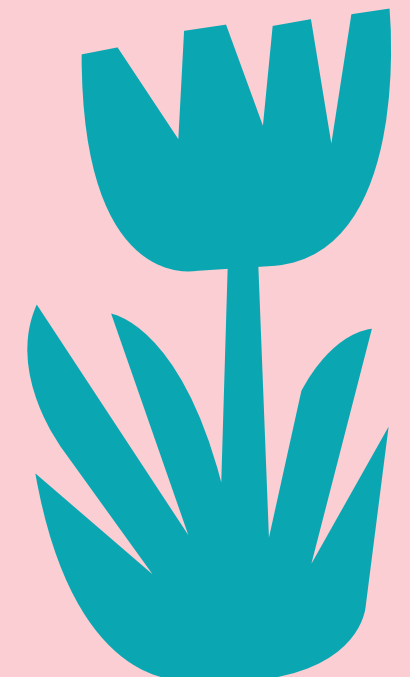
PARTY IN THE GARDEN

Friday, July 17
4:00 - 6:00pm

Centre Township Branch

Join us for a garden party celebration! Visit the recently renovated Centre Story Garden for nature-themed crafts, yard games, music, and light snacks.

All ages invited, held rain or shine.



RED-TAILED HAWK *Buteo jamaicensis*

Whenever a hawk or eagle appears onscreen in TV or film, no matter what species, the shrill cry on the soundtrack is almost always a Red-tailed Hawk.

START HERE

GREAT BLUE HERON *Ardea herodias*

Despite their impressive size, Great Blue Herons weigh only 5 to 6 pounds thanks in part to their hollow bones—a feature all birds share.

BLUEGILL *Lepomis macrochirus*

When a bluegill is caught, it often shows 5–9 dark stripes on its sides. This is part of its way to show it feels threatened.

WELCOME TO YOUR SUMMER READING TRACKER!

Track your Summer Reading progress and learn some critter facts along the way by **filling in a bubble** every time you **read** or **participate** in a Community Activity!

You can also track progress for your whole family on Beanstack!

Track your Library activities.

- Get a library card.
- Attend a library program. Visit sjcpl.org/events.
- Visit the library. Make a craft at your library; ask what experiences your branch has and participate.
- Develop your library skills. Learn or teach someone how to search for a book or place a hold on the library computer or app.
- Attend Storytime, Babytime or Playtime. **(FOR AGES 0-5)**
- Vote for the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. **(FOR AGES 0-5)**
- Join a library club.

Track your community activities.

- Use one of the library's Discovery Passes.
- Visit a city or county park.
- Go to the Potawatomi Zoo or a museum.
- Visit the Farmer's Market.
- Take a bike ride with your family; take a walk along the river; try a new restaurant or visit a new store.
- Take a friend or family member to your favorite part of town.
- Cheer at a South Bend Cubs game.
- Find a great spot to watch fireworks.
- Learn about our local history by taking a historic tour.

EASTERN BOX TURTLE *Terrapene carolina carolina*

When disturbed or frightened, most box turtles will pull in their head and legs and tightly close the shell, remaining hidden until the threat of danger is past.

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

The standard duck's quack is the sound of a female Mallard. Males don't quack; they make a quieter, rasping sound.

NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER *Lontra canadensis*

In the winter, otters have found the easiest and perhaps most fun way to get around is by sliding. After a few bumps, they can slide up to 22 feet on the ice. In warmer times, you may also see otters sliding down a riverbank.

ST. JOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING

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JUNE TEENTH CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 18 | 4:30pm – 6:30pm

WESTERN BRANCH

Researching Revolutionary War Ancestors

Explore the records of your Revolutionary War ancestors with three lectures from guest speaker Craig R. Scott, C.G. on military records, pensions, and bounty lands.

Saturday, August 29
10:00am - 3:00pm
Main Library | Leighton Auditorium



EARLY BIRDS

Read, Write, Talk, Sing, and Play

A little bird told us...

You're already doing great.

Building early literacy skills is easier than you think, and you're probably already doing it! Singing a silly song, talking to your baby, spotting letters on a cereal box, letting your kid go wild with crayons all count. These everyday moments help your little one grow into a confident communicator and joyful learner.

This tracker is here to celebrate those moments. While reading together is powerful, it's just one piece of the puzzle. Talking, singing, writing, and playing all support your child's early language development. **With help from our bird Paige, this tracker makes it easy and fun to build strong habits that support lifelong learning.**





the voice behind every story.

with **Auyon Mukharji** & **Jyoti Mukharji**

September 22 | 6:00 - 8:00pm

The Culturally Speaking author talk series returns with Auyon Mukharji & Jyoti Mukharji, foodies and authors of *Heartland Masala: An Indian Cookbook from an American Kitchen*.



STUDIO 304

Creator Meetups

June - August
1st and 3rd Wednesdays | 6 - 7 pm

Combine forces with other area creatives to develop projects to be part of this year's Studio 304 Summer Showcase!

The Showcase will be on August 26 at 6pm in the Auditorium.

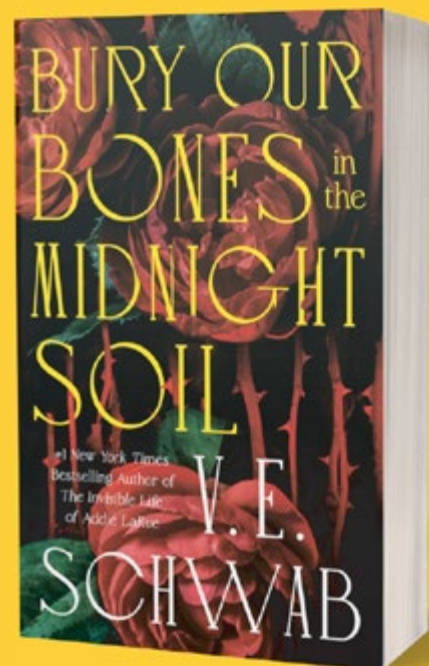


V.E. Schwab

October 14 | 6:00 - 8:00pm

The Culturally Speaking series continues with an evening with V.E. Schwab, author of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, *Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil*, and many other beloved titles.

Registration recommended.



America 250 Celebration

Saturday, July 11

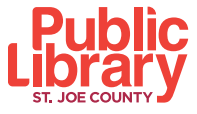
11:00am - 2:00pm

Main Library | Community Learning Center

Celebrate 250 years of the United States of America with activities, a community art project, and performances by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and Riley O'Conner and Molly B. Moon.

For all ages.





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