UPCOMING CLOSINGS
All locations will be closed on these dates:
- Wednesday, June 19, Juneteenth
- Thursday, July 4, Independence Day
- September 1-2, Labor Day

Beginning in June, the Main Library Branch will be closed on Sundays through Labor Day Weekend.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS
Community Learning Center, Beutter-Kernan Hall
- Monday, June 24 at 4:15 p.m.
- Monday, July 22 at 4:15 p.m.
- Monday, August 26 at 4:15 p.m.

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

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Happy Summer!

As the temperature rises, so does the activity at our libraries. From our Summer Reading Challenge to a variety of programs at all our locations, there's something for everyone. Be sure to check the events calendar included in this issue of quarterly Unfold to find activities that spark your interest. We're looking forward to seeing you more often this season!

This year is particularly bustling as we embark on Our Next Chapter—a comprehensive plan to revitalize our neighborhood branches. This initiative is shaped by your valuable feedback from surveys and community conversations, as well as a detailed evaluation of our facilities' needs as they age.

We're thrilled to announce the commencement of Our Next Chapter. Already in motion, we have ordered a new HVAC unit for the Francis branch, set to be installed this fall. At the Centre branch, we are planning a refresh that includes not only new flooring and paint but also upgraded HVAC systems, LED lighting, and innovative landscaping features.

The cornerstone of our plan is a significant investment in the West Side of South Bend. Both the LaSalle and Western branches are hubs of activity, which we expect to grow further with the addition of thousands of jobs in the area. In 2025, we will expand the LaSalle branch. The Western branch will see either an expansion or a relocation to the heart of the neighborhood.

We are eager to hear your ideas for these enhancements at the Western and LaSalle branches. Stay tuned for upcoming events, which will be announced on our social media channels and our website. For all the latest updates on our branches and Our Next Chapter, visit our dedicated webpage by scanning the QR code below.

We look forward to making our libraries more welcoming and suited to your needs as we move forward together in this exciting journey.

Happy reading,

Stephanie Murphy
Executive Director

Letter from the Executive Director
Summer Reading Club

JUNE 1 – AUGUST 2

Sign up online today!

Earn points in the Summer Reading Club as you read, explore your library and explore your community!

- In June, all participants will receive a free book, stickers, and a bookmark just for signing up!
- In July, all participants will receive a free book and a free tote-bag. (While supplies last)

Earn more points as you read and listen to books and complete activities!

Read books or complete activities to earn points for the June and July prize drawing! Turn your tracker into any library location or enter your progress online. The deadlines for the monthly raffles are June 30 and August 2.
Meet the Artist!

This year's Summer Reading Club artwork was crafted by Noé Toroczkai, a talented artist from Mishawaka and a Notre Dame graduate with a passion for both anthropology and digital design. Drawing has been a part of Noé's life since childhood, a passion that was further enhanced during a Fulbright Fellowship in South Korea. The logo charmingly features 'Pip' the bookworm, a nod to the character from Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations." Unlike his literary namesake, this Pip fishes for books, symbolizing the joy of gathering summer reads.

**Kickoff Party**  
Friday, June 2, 5-8 p.m.  
Main Library, Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard  
Celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Club in the courtyard at Main Library! Enjoy activities and live performances by Los Hermanos Bueno and Nicole Williams while you sign up for summer reading.

**Wrap Up Party**  
Friday, August 2, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Main Library - Community Learning Center  
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading while looking ahead to the school year! Enjoy family friendly activities, learn about free resources, and more!
BABYTIME (AGES 0-2)
Centre Tuesdays, 10:30am
Main Library Wednesdays, 10:30am
Francis Thursdays, 10:30am

TINY TUMBLERS (AGES 0-2)
Main Library Monday, June 17, 10:30am
Centre Monday, August 5, 10:30am
Francis Monday, July 8, 10:30am

STORYTIME (AGES 3-5)
Main Library Thursdays, 10:30am
Thursdays, 5pm | Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 22
Centre Wednesdays, 10:30am
Francis Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30am
German Mondays, 10:30am
Lakeville Alternating Thursdays, 10:30am
LaSalle Mondays, 10:30am
North Liberty Alternating Thursdays, 10:30am
River Park Thursdays, 10:30am
Tutt Tuesdays, 10:30am
Western Wednesdays, 10:30am

PLAYTIME (AGES 3-5)
Main Library Tuesdays, 10:30am | Weekly
Centre June 3 • July 1 • 10:30am
Francis June 10 • August 12 | 10:30am
German June 12 • July 10 • August 14 | 10:30am
North Liberty June 5 • July 3 • August 7 | 10:30 am
River Park July 17 • August 21 | 10:30am
Tutt June 26 • July 24 • August 28 | 5:30pm
LaSalle July 17 • August 21 | 10:30am

Main Library

CHILDREN
Events take place in the Story House unless otherwise noted.

Cuentos y Cantos
Stories & Songs with I Heart Spanish
Monday, June 3 | 10:30am
Join Senora Velasco as she shares bilingual songs and stories. Learn numbers, letters and greetings in Spanish. Spanish and non-Spanish speakers are welcome. Recommended for ages 3 to 5.

Music and a Story with the Euclid Quartet
Monday, June 10 | 10:30am
Enjoy a story paired with music featuring the Euclid Quartet. Discover amazing sounds and explore your emotions through magnificent music and books. Recommended for ages 3 - 8. Families are welcome.

Camp Craft - Create Summer-Camp-Inspired Crafts
Tuesdays, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 9, 16, 23 | 3:30pm
In this series of camp-inspired crafts, you will discover the wonders of color theory and patterns. You’ll learn new skills using a variety of materials, tools, and crafting staples. Ages 6 - 12

LEGO Builder Challenge
Mondays, Jun 17, Jul 15 | 4:30pm
Can you master the LEGO Builder Challenge? Test your building and creativity skills. Ages 8 - 12.

Soccer Shots*
Wednesdays, Jun 26, Jul 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 1pm
Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard
A fun, high-energy soccer program with a focus on skill development and character development in a non-competitive environment. For ages 5-8.

Young Author Celebration
Thursday, July 11 | 4pm
The SB READy anthology was completed by South Bend 1st graders. Help us celebrate these young authors with a reception in the Story House complete with activities and refreshments!

Teen Poster Contest
June 3 - July 8
The teen room at the Main Library is in need of some art, and we want YOU to have your work displayed all year long. You may pick up an entry form at your nearest branch location! For grades 7-12.

Dungeons & Dragons
Saturday, Jul 2, 16, 30, Aug 13, 27 | 1pm
Come to the Teen Room every two weeks 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!

Cactus Rock Painting
Wednesday, July 10 | 2pm
Cacti are popular, but can be difficult to maintain. We’ll get inspiration from real cacti and use a variety of painting techniques & tools to create patterns & textures to design a cactus from rocks.

Girls Rock Michiana (Grades 6-8)
Presented in partnership with The Music Village*
July 18 - 19 | 1pm
July 20 | 9am
CLC
Girls Rock Michiana is a three day summer camp for girls in grades 3-8. Campers work with professional music instructors to learn rock instruments and basic performance skills. No experience needed!

Create-a-Bookmark
July 22 - August 26
Create your own bookmark! Grab a blank bookmark from any library location to create your design. A winner will be selected from each SJCLPL location. For grades 3rd-12th.
STUDIO 304

Summer Showcase Meetups

Wednesdays, Jun 5, Jul 3, 17, Aug 7, 21
6:00 - 7:00pm
We continue Studio 304's annual tradition of gathering local visual, audio, traditional, and digital creatives to meet up and work on projects leading to an end of the summer showcase.

Summer Showcase Celebration

Wednesday, August 28
6:00pm - 8:00pm
We continue Studio 304's annual tradition of gathering local visual, audio, traditional, and digital creatives to meet up and work on projects leading to an end of the summer showcase.

ADULT

Beyond Behaviors: Effective Strategies for Caregivers
Mondays, Jun 3, Jul 8, Aug 5 | 11:30am
CLC - Classroom B
Led by KidsPeace and Appraise, this program offers support and resources to parents who are struggling with typical and challenging behaviors.

The Cinemates
Mondays, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5 | 6pm
CLC - Classroom B
Do you watch movies or any type of show? If the answer is yes, and even if the answer is no, then please join us as we discuss movies, shows, music, etc. There is no required viewing for this club.

German Language Conversation Group
Deutscher Stammtisch*
Tuesdays, June 4, July 2, August 6 | 6pm
CLC - Classroom A
German Speakers in the Michiana area, come join us for a casual German conversation group!

Yoga for EveryBODY
Wednesdays, Jun 5, 12, 26, Jul 3, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5:30PM
CLC - Ballroom (A+B Combined)
Community yoga classes offered with the aim of making yoga accessible to all.

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic
Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network
Thursday, June 6 | 1pm
CLC
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

French Language Conversation Group
Francophones of Michiana*
Thursdays, Jun 6, 13, 20, 27, Jul 11, 18, 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6:30pm
CLC - Classroom A
Join us to practice your French language skills and meet others in our community learning the language!

A Matter of Balance: Evidence-Based Program for Adults 60+
Presented by REAL Services, Inc.*
Fridays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10am
CLC - Classroom B
Designed to help adults age 60+ increase balance & strength, the program includes light exercise, techniques to manage falls, improve activity levels & manage falls risk. Offered by REAL Services, Inc

Estate Planning Legal Clinic - Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network
Monday, June 10 | 1pm
CLC - Ballroom (A+B Combined)
Free legal advice for estate planning (including wills, trusts, probate matters, advanced health care directives, and powers of attorney) provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Silent Reading Society
Tuesday, June 11 | 5pm
CLC - Classroom D
A monthly gathering to share what you’re reading then settle in for an hour of silent reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not! Located in the Courtyard, weather permitting.

What Lawns Can Do For (or To) Pollinators
Thursday, June 13 | 6pm
CLC - Classroom B
Discover the benefits of using native plants for landscaping and learn how your lawn can become a sanctuary for wildlife.

Tenant Empowerment Day - Presented by the Indiana and South Bend Tenant Associations
Saturday, June 15 | 2pm
CLC
Learn about resources available to tenants in Indiana during this free resource fair.

Resources for our Community’s Aging Population - Presented by SJCPL & Aging Connections
Tuesday, June 18 | 3:30pm
CLC - Classroom B
Learn more about resources for Michiana’s aging population during this presentation by SJCPL staff and Malana Maher, President of Aging Connections.

Bridging Our Worlds: Celebrating World Refugee Day
Thursday, June 20 | 5:30pm
CLC - Leighton Auditorium

Beginning Genealogy Workshop*
Saturday, June 22 | 9:30am
CLC - Classroom B
Begin climbing your family tree with an introduction to genealogy research. A tour of Local History and research assistance will be available following the program.

Summer Skin: Scrubs, Soaks, and Soothers*
Wednesday, July 10 | 5:30pm
CLC - Classroom E
Tend to your gardening hands! Join this workshop to make your own sugar scrub and soothing bath salt soak.

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CLC = Community Learning Center
Genealogy Coffee Chat*
Saturday, July 20 | 9am
Local & Family History
with fellow genealogists to share success stories and brick walls. Find the group near the St. Joe Coffee Co.

Birds for Beginners - with South Bend Elkhart Audubon Society
Wednesday, July 24 | 11am
CLC - Classroom F
What makes a bird a bird? What can be done to help protect them from extinction? Enjoy learning about the native birds of northern Indiana as well as tips on how to help our local feathered friends.

Green Up Your Clean Up*
Wednesday, August 7 | 3pm
CLC - Classroom E
Learn how to make your own cleaning products using regular kitchen ingredients and essential oils.

Ask a Lawyer
Monday, August 26 | 1pm
CLC - Ballroom (A+B Combined)
Free legal advice to the public on a first come, first served basis, provided by attorneys from the Volunteer Lawyers Network.

ALL AGES
Summer Reading Club Kickoff Party
Friday, June 2 | 5pm
Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard
Celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Club in the courtyard at Main Library! Enjoy activities and live performances by Los Hermanos Bueno and Nicole Williams while you sign up for summer reading.

Allyship 101 - How to support the LGBTQIA+ Community
Tuesday, June 4 | 6PM
Main Library - Story House
Learn how to support and advocate for the LGBTQIA+ Community this June while celebrating Pride Month.

Euclid Quartet in Concert
Wednesday, June 5 | 6pm
CLC - Leighton Auditorium
Kick off the summer concert season with the Euclid Quartet. This performance will include works by Franz Schubert and Benjamin Britten. All are welcome.

Shein Trust Community Classics Concert Series - Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra
Friday, June 28 | 4pm
Leighton Auditorium
Join the South Bend Symphony string quintet for a family-friendly concert. All concerts are free to attend and will feature a variety of musical styles. All are welcome.

Summer Reading Club Wrap Up Party
Friday, August 2 | 4:30pm
CLC
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading while looking ahead to the school year! Enjoy family friendly activities, learn about free resources, and more!

Centre
CHILDREN
Dungeons & Dragons Club
Saturdays, Jun 29, Jul 27, Aug 17 | 2pm
Ready for an adventure? Join a band of heroes in an epic tale! For kids, ages 6-11

STEAM Lab
Tuesdays, Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6 | 4pm
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Sensory Storytime*
Tuesdays, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20 | 5pm
Does your child struggle to sit still or stay focused during Storytime? Try out this interactive program with music and play for children ages 3-9 of all abilities.

Pokémon Lunch Bunch
Saturdays, Jun 22, Jul 20, Aug 17 | 11am
Bring your lunch and chat about Pokémon, whether you play TCG, video games, or PoGo. Trade cards, play decks, join in party play or remote raids, or just meet friends and share your love of Pokémon.

Homeschool Club
Thursdays, Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 22 | 2pm
Homeschool families and at-home learning students are invited to gather monthly and engage in activities around STEAM, reading, and more.

Create and Move with Michiana Dance Ensemble - Presented by the Children's Dance Workshop*
Thursday, July 25 | 4pm
Join the Michiana Dance Ensemble for a mini exercise, movement and dance class. Selections from "Peter Pan" performed by the Ensemble and the Children's Dance Workshop will follow. Ages 6 to 12.

Firefighter Visits
Join firefighters from the South Bend Fire Department to learn about their job, fire safety, and tour a fire truck. Ages 3 and older are welcome.

Lakeville Fire Department
Lakeville Branch - June 11 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Clay Fire Territory
Francis Branch - June 24 | 10:30am - 11:30am

South Bend Fire Department
Western Branch - July 31 | 11:00am - 12:00pm
Tutt Branch - August 8 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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STEAM Lab
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each week. Recommended for ages 6-11. For more details, visit sjcpl.org.

**Centre Branch** • Tuesdays, 4pm
June 4, July 2, August 6

**LaSalle Branch** • Wednesdays, 4pm
June 5, July 3, August 7

**Lakeville Branch** • Thursdays, 4pm
June 6, July 24, August 8

**River Park Branch** • Tuesdays, 4pm
June 11, July 9, August 13

**Tutt Branch** • Wednesdays, 4pm
June 12, July 10, August 14

**North Liberty Branch** • Thursdays, 4pm
June 13, July 11, August 15

**Western Branch** • Tuesdays, 4pm
June 20, July 23, August 22

**German Branch** • Wednesdays, 4pm
June 26, July 17, August 21

**Francis Branch** • Thursdays, 4pm
June 18, July 16, August 20

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**TEEN**

**Crochet 101 • with Purdue Extension**
Tuesday, July 23 | 1:30pm
Learn the basics of how to crochet with Purdue Extension. We will discuss choosing yarn and hooks, chaining, and different stitches you can do! Ages 12-18

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**ADULT**

**Crochet & Knitting Club**
Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24, Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 | 5pm
Looking for a group to crochet or knit with? All are welcome to join this group of needlework enthusiasts.

**Euchre Club @ Centre**
Tuesdays, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13 | 6pm
Euchre beginners and experts alike are invited to meet up for a lively game.

**Pages in Time**
Thursdays, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8 | 1pm
Read and discuss a new historical fiction book each month with fellow history enthusiasts. Call Centre Branch for this month's selection.

**Crafting Connections**
Tuesday, July 23 | 5pm
Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

**Resumes & Resources**
Thursday, August 8 | 5:30pm
On the hunt for a job but don't know where to start? Need to update your resume or create a new one? Learn what it takes to make a stellar resume and land your dream job!

**Birds for Beginners • with South Bend Elkhart Audubon Society**
Wednesday, August 14 | 10am
What makes a bird a bird? What can be done to help protect them from extinction? Enjoy learning about the native birds of northern Indiana as well as tips on how to help our local feathered friends.

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**CHILDREN**

**STEAM Lab**
Tuesday, June 18, Jul 16, Aug 20 | 4pm
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Firefighter Visit • with Clay Fire Territory**
Monday, June 24 | 10:30am
Join firefighters from the Clay Fire Territory to learn about fire safety and the equipment used to fight fires followed by a tour of a fire truck. Ages 3 to 12 are welcome.

**Francis Branch**

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**ADULT**

**Cribbage Club**
Mondays, Jun 3, 10, 17, 24, Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 | 1pm
Cribbage offers an opportunity to meet new people, and learn a fun game. Cribbage is a card game in which each player tries to form various counting combinations of cards.

**Chess Club**
Wednesdays, Jun 5, 12, 26, Jul 3, Jul 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 | 1pm
All chess players are welcome, from the beginner wanting to learn for the first time to the advanced player.

**Resumes & Resources**
Thursday, June 6 | 5:30pm
On the hunt for a job but don't know where to start? Need to update your resume or create a new one? Learn what it takes to make a stellar resume and land your dream job!

**The Green Dragon: A Fantasy Book Club • The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin**
Thursday, June 13, July 11, August 8 | 5:30pm
Do you love fantasy literature, or are you hoping to expand your reading world? Join us at The Green Dragon, a fantasy book club hosted at the Francis Branch.

**Origami Club**
Fridays, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9 | 10am
Everyone is welcome to come and share their knowledge of origami art and exchange ideas for origami art projects.

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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**CLC = Community Learning Center**
Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic
Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network
Thursday, June 20 | 1pm
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Book Talks
Tuesdays, Jun 25, Jul 30, Aug 27 | 1pm
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!

Behaviors Happen! Respond -vs- React!
Alzheimer's & Dementia Care Series*
Tuesday, June 25 | 6pm
Learn how to identify common behaviors exhibited in people diagnosed with progressive dementia, and learn ways to respond, rather than react, to these behaviors.

Crafting Connections
Tuesday, August 27 | 5:30pm
Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

German
CHILDREN
STEAM Lab
Wednesdays, Jun 26, Jul 17, Aug 21 | 4pm
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Create and Move with Michiana Dance Ensemble - Presented by the Children's Dance Workshop
Thursday, June 27 | 4pm
Join the Michiana Dance Ensemble for a mini exercise, movement and dance class. Selections from "Peter Pan" performed by the Ensemble and the Children's Dance Workshop will follow. Ages 6 to 12.

TEEN
Code with Scratch*
Wednesday, July 31 | 3pm
Learn how to make your own game, and practice coding without knowing a computer language, in the easy and fun environment of Scratch! For ages 12-18.

ADULT
Quilts with Love
Tuesdays, Jun 4, 18, Jul 2, 16, Aug 6, 20 | 1pm
Meet up with other quilting enthusiasts to sew quilts and create other items for local charities.

Crafting Connections
Tuesday, June 4 | 4pm
Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

Duplicate Bridge Club
Thursdays, Jun 6, 20, Jul 18, Aug 1, 15 | 12pm
Play duplicate bridge with the Battell Duplicate Bridge Club on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

Resumes & Resources
Thursday, July 11 | 5:30pm
On the hunt for a job but don't know where to start? Need to update your resume or create a new one? Learn what it takes to make a stellar resume and land your dream job!

Safe Home, Safe Environment - Alzheimer's & Dementia Care Series*
Tuesday, August 6 | 10am
A safe home is key when caring for someone with a progressive dementia disease. Learn to identify safety challenges, and ways to provide the safest home and environment possible for your loved ones.

LaSalle
CHILDREN
STEAM Lab
Wednesdays, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7 | 4pm
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Upcycle Braiding
Thursday, August 29 | 4pm
Create bracelets from materials that were headed for the trash and discover how the women of Gambia transformed their community by upcycling in the book One Plastic Bag by Miranda Paul. Ages 8 - 12.

TEEN
Crochet 101- with Purdue Extension*
Wednesday, June 5 | 10am
Learn the basics of how to crochet with Purdue Extension. We will discuss choosing yarn and hooks, chaining, and different stitches you can do! Ages 12-18

ADULT
Resumes & Resources
Thursday, June 20 | 5:30pm
On the hunt for a job but don't know where to start? Need to update your resume or create a new one? Learn what it takes to make a stellar resume and land your dream job!

Crafting Connections
Tuesday, August 6 | 5pm
Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

Intro to Ancestry*
Thursday, August 22 | 5:30pm
Become a savvy researcher with this introduction to Ancestry Library Edition.

Bridging our Worlds
Celebrating World Refugee Day
Thursday, June 20 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm
**River Park**

**CHILDREN**

**STEAM Lab**
Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, Aug 13 | 4pm
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Paws & Pages - Presented by the Humane Society of St. Joseph County**
Thursday, July 11 | 4pm
Books and Bow-Wows! Join the Humane Society of St. Joseph County as we read and learn about our 4-legged friends, dogs. Then enjoy 1-1 time with a special furry friend. Ages 3 - 10 welcome.

**TEEN**

**Crochet 101 - with Purdue Extension***
Thursday, August 1 | 4pm
Learn the basics of how to crochet with Purdue Extension. We will discuss choosing yarn and hooks, chaining, and different stitches you can do! Ages 12-18

**ADULT**

**Birds for Beginners - with South Bend Elkhart Audubon Society**
Wednesday, June 12 | 10am
What makes a bird a bird? What can be done to help protect them from extinction? Enjoy learning about the native birds of northern Indiana as well as tips on how to help our local feathered friends.

**Crafting Connections**
Wednesday, June 26 | 3pm
Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

**Adventures in Bad Cinema**
Wednesdays, June 26, Jul 31, Aug 28 | 6:30pm
In our 3rd year, we continue to celebrate the best film work of incompetent amateurs, and the worst work of hack professionals. Snacks provided.

**Resumes & Resources**
Thursday, July 25 | 5:30pm
On the hunt for a job but don’t know where to start? Need to update your resume or create a new one? Learn what it takes to make a stellar resume and land your dream job!

**Tutt**

**CHILDREN**

**STEAM Lab**
Wednesdays, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14 | 4pm
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**LEGO Club**
Thursdays, Jun 13, 27, Jul 11, 25, Aug 22 | 4pm
Join us each month for a new building challenge! We have added extra dates during summer break! Recommended for Ages 6+, but all are welcome.

**Firefighter Visit - with the South Bend Fire Department**
Thursday, August 8 | 4pm
Join firefighters from the South Bend Fire Department to learn about their job, fire safety, and tour a fire truck. Ages 3 and older are welcome.

**Plan-a-Park**
Come plan a park! We will talk about parks and the benefits they provide our community, then design our own. For ages 12-18.

- **Western Branch** - Tuesday, June 11 | 1:30pm
- **Lakeville Branch** - Wednesday, August 28 | 4pm
- **North Liberty Branch** - Tuesday, July 2 | 1:30pm

**Birds for Beginners**
*with South Bend Elkhart Audubon Society*
What makes a bird a bird? What can be done to help protect them from extinction? Enjoy learning about the native birds of northern Indiana as well as tips on how to help our local feathered friends.

- **Main Library** - Wednesday, July 24 | 11am
- **CLC - Classroom F**
- **Centre Township Branch** - Wednesday, August 14 | 10am
- **River Park Branch** - Wednesday, June 12 | 10am

**Upcycle Braiding**
Create bracelets from materials that were headed for the trash and discover how the women of Gambia transformed their community by upcycling in the book One Plastic Bag by Miranda Paul. Ages 8 - 12.

- **Lasalle Branch** - Thursday, August 29 | 4pm

**TEEN**

**Code with Scratch***
Tuesday, August 27 | 3pm
Learn how to make your own game, and practice coding without knowing a computer language, in the easy, and fun environment of Scratch! For ages 12-18.

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CELEBRATION

Western Branch
June 18 | 11am

The Juneteenth holiday commemorates the end of slavery in America. Join us as we celebrate this special event with treats, games, and more. All are welcome.

ADULT

Crafting Connections
Tuesday, July 9 | 5pm
Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

Summer Fun With Studio 304 - Create Your Own Vinyl Decals!
Wednesday, July 31 | 4pm
See what Studio 304 has to offer with this hands on demo! Turn your doodles into colorful vinyl stickers that you can use to personalize your water bottle, cell phone, wallet and more!

Resumes & Resources
Thursday, August 15 | 5:30pm
On the hunt for a job but don’t know where to start? Need to update your resume or create a new one? Learn what it takes to make a stellar resume and land your dream job!

ALL AGES

Sunshine on Miami: Celebrating Summer & Safety
Thursday, June 27 | 4pm
Get all the carnival feels during this special summer event. There will be food, face-painting, games and tips to keep you safe this summer!

Western

CHILDREN

STEAM Lab
Thursday, Jun 20, Jul 23, Aug 22 | 4pm
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Firefighter Visit - with the South Bend Fire Department
Wednesday, July 31 | 11am
Join firefighters from the South Bend Fire Department to learn about their job, fire safety, and tour a fire truck. Ages 3 and older are welcome.

TEEN

Plan-a-Park
Tuesday, June 11 | 1:30pm
Come plan a park! We will talk about parks and the benefits they provide our community, then design our own. For ages 12-18.

ADULT

Resumes & Resources
Thursday, June 27 | 5:30pm
On the hunt for a job but don’t know where to start? Need to update your resume or create a new one? Learn what it takes to make a stellar resume and land your dream job!

Alzheimer’s & Dementia 101
Alzheimer’s & Dementia Care Series*
Tuesday, July 9 | 4pm
Learn the differences between Alzheimer’s and dementia, the theory of Retrogenesis, and how the world could change through the eyes of someone living with a progressive dementia disease.

Crafting Connections
Tuesday, August 13 | 11am
Crafting is better together! Join Crafting Connections to unravel craft history, weave friendships, and create a new piece of art. This program is open to adults of all skill and ability levels.

ALL AGES

Juneteenth Celebration
Tuesday, June 18 | 4:30pm
The Juneteenth holiday commemorates the end of slavery in America. Join us as we celebrate this special event with treats, games, and more. All are welcome.

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Lakeville

CHILDREN

Storytime on the Go: Potato Creek State Park
Thursday, June 6 | 10:30am
Join us on National Nature Play Day for stories and more at the Potato Creek State Park Nature Center. Show your library card to gain free admittance to the park. Recommended for ages 3 - 5.

TEAM Lab
Thursday, June 6 Wednesday, July 24
Join us one a month to plan and paint. Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Firefighter Visit - with the Lakeville Fire Department
Tuesday, June 11 | 11am
Join us as we meet with the Lakeville Fire Department to learn about their job, fire safety, and tour a fire truck. Ages 3 and older are welcome.

Homeschool Club
Thursdays, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8 | 12pm
Lakeville Homeschoolers Club will meet monthly for socialization, guest speakers, and educational planning.

TEEN

Plan-a-Park
Wednesday, August 28 | 4pm
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Silent Reading Society
Tuesday, July 9 | 5pm
Sustained reading. At the end of the hour, reading then settle in for an hour of silent, sustained reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not!

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Virtual Events

SJCPL Online Book Group - Last Summer on State Street by Toya Wolfe*
Monday, July 22 | 8pm
Join our Zoom meeting to participate in writing prompts, chatting, and dreaming about next steps in your writing life.

SJCPL Online Book Group - Sigh, Gone by Phuc Tran*
Monday, June 17 | 8pm
In this emotional, acclaimed memoir, Phuc Tran takes readers on a personal journey through his life after resettling in small town Pennsylvania from Vietnam following the fall of Saigon.

SJCPL Online Book Group - The Cooking Gene by Michael Twitty*
Monday, August 26 | 8pm
Join our Zoom meeting to participate in writing prompts, chatting, and dreaming about next steps in your writing life.

SJCPL Online Book Group - The Life-Changing Summer
Thursday, August 1 | 5:30pm
Explore a wide range of genres with fellow fearless readers! Call the branch for this month’s selection (574)-656-3664.

Summer Fun With Studio 304 - Create Your Own Vinyl Decals!
Wednesday, June 26 | 4pm
See what Studio 304 has to offer with this hands on demo! Turn your doodles into colorful vinyl stickers that you can use to personalize your water bottle, cell phone, wallet, and more!
Meet the Casaday Digital Collection!

Late last year Local & Family History launched its newest Michiana Memory digital collection: The Casaday Historic Garments Collection. Made up of clothing items photographed and researched with the help of our summer intern, Halle Pressler, this collection was produced in collaboration with the Casaday Costume Company. Director Greta Fisher curated the digital collection with an expert eye for distinguishing garments with a local historical connection from the Company’s extensive costume rental inventory.

The collection launched in October 2023 with an initial 78 items and over 250 photos of garments and clothing labels. Each digital item includes multiple views of the garment and a brief description of the item’s local connection, such as the history of a retailer or a wearer. Highlights include the opera cape and top hat owned by the collection’s namesake, James Lewis Casaday, as well as a judge’s robe belonging to Robert A. Grant. The collection is anticipated to double next fall, as we continue photographing historic garments from the Casaday Costume Company collection in 2024.
Summer New Releases

Books for Children

Books for Teens & Adults
MEET OUR TEAM:

COMMUNICATIONS

Daniel Lichty

ROLE: Daniel navigates the dense jungles of information and scales the towering peaks of communication challenges. As the library’s Communication Manager, he’s on a mission to explore and share the library’s treasures with the world.

SUPER POWER: "Child-like Imagination" complete with boundless energy, wild creativity, and the ability to turn even the dullest meeting into a playground of ideas. He’s never met a cardboard box he couldn’t turn into a spaceship.

WEAKNESS: Trampolines. If he sees one, he’s gonna jump on it.

CATCHPHRASE:

"WON'T IT BE COOL IF..."

Adam Foster

ROLE: As the Marketing Specialist you might see Adam out and about taking photos at a library event. If not capturing an event, he’s spending his time crafting engaging social media content and updating our website with all the happenings of the library.

SUPER POWER: "Idea Alchemy" Dreaming up wacky, entertaining, and downright thought provoking content for our social media channels.

WEAKNESS: If provoked, e.g. asked a question, will talk to you for hours.

CATCHPHRASE:

"EVERYTHING is content."
Becky McCann

ROLE: Becky transforms digital concepts into tangible realities using advanced printing technologies. With meticulous attention to detail, she navigates distribution channels to ensure each promotional piece reaches its intended audience, sparking connections and leaving a lasting impression.

SUPER POWER: "Instant Materialization." Picture this: with a mere thought, Becky can summon products to any location, ensuring swift and precise delivery.

WEAKNESS: Perfectionism—sometimes spends too much time perfecting minor details.

CATCHPHRASE: "Never fear, the Orderly Correspondence Distributer is here."

Taylor Humphrey

ROLE: Taylor, our designer brings our brand’s visuals to life, making them jump off the page and resonate with our audience. Her creativity is behind everything from flyers to and the very magazine you’re flipping through right now. (Hi mom :)

SUPER POWER: "Brand Harmonizer" By channeling this power, she can seamlessly integrate a brand’s core values, mission, and target audience into every design.

WEAKNESS: Payparus aka the Avatar logo (iykyk)

CATCHPHRASE: "In the right layout, everything aligns."
The Library offers Discovery Passes online! Each Discovery Pass gives the cardholder the opportunity to visit a local attraction for free along with a few guests. The digital passes save time as there is no need to visit the library to check them out or return them.

This change comes just in time for summer, providing access to the Potawatomi Zoo, The History Museum and Studebaker National Museum, Ruthmere Museum, Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve and Wellfield Botanic Garden.

Patrons can now reserve a pass up to one week prior to the visit, and have two days to use the pass.

Scan QR Code or Visit Website to Access the Discovery Pass!

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Summer Reading Club

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