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EVENTS CALENDAR | NEWSLETTER



FALL 2024
SEPT/OCT/NOV

Main | 574.282.4646

304 S. Main St., South Bend 46601

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 8 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sun: 1 PM - 5 PM

Centre Township | 574.251.3700

1150 E. Kern Rd., South Bend 46614

Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 7 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

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:

- **September 1-2, Labor Day**
- **September 26, Staff Day**
- **November 27, Early Closing - 5PM**
- **November 28, Thanksgiving Day**

The Main Library Branch will begin Sunday hours after Labor Day.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Community Learning Center, Beutter-Kernan Hall

- **Monday, September 23 at 4:15 PM**
- **Monday, October 28 at 4:15 PM**
- **Monday, November 25 at 4:15 PM**

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

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Letter from the Executive Director

Happy Fall!

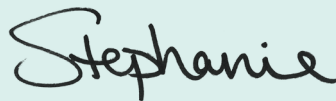
My family and I recently visited Washington D.C., and, of course, we made a stop at the Library of Congress (LoC) to get library cards. This amazing, impressive, and beautiful building with its vast collections reminded me that America has a long history of investing in public libraries as palaces for the people. It also underscores the priority that early leaders gave to public knowledge. Thomas Jefferson donated his own collection to the library, reflecting his “belief in the power of knowledge and the direct link between knowledge and democracy.”

While we may not be quite as grand as the Library of Congress, we strive to create beautiful spaces for everyone to enjoy and provide wide access to all types of knowledge across many genres. As we approach this year’s presidential election, you can find information on all the candidates at our library. We have entire books on former President Trump, Vice President Harris, and third-party candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. We can also help you find information on candidates for local races.

You can register to vote at any time at the library, and we’ll be hosting special events at many of our locations to help with voter registration. Additionally, our Centre branch will serve as an early voting site beginning on October 21.

We’re a place for every story. We’re proud to be part of the fabric of democracy, providing information and beautiful public spaces for everyone. If you can’t make it to D.C. to see the Library of Congress in person, take some time to browse their online digital collections—most of which are free to use without copyright restrictions. Also, check out how we’re improving our spaces by scanning the QR code below.

Happy reading,



Stephanie Murphy
Executive Director



OUR **NEXT**
CHAPTER

Visit Our Next Chapter
Website



Local Family History

Fighting Irish Football: Notre Dame Tradition in Photographs

Monday, September 23 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm - CLC Ballroom B

Genealogy Coffee Chat

Saturday, November 9 | 9:00am - 10:00am - CLC

Researching Passenger Lists

Thursday, November 14 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm - CLC Beutter Kernan Hall

GODZILLA FEST



Dress like Godzilla & Monster Origami

Tuesday, October 29 | 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Main Library, Ages 5+

Panel Discussion: Godzilla and Climate Change

Friday, November 1 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm
University of Notre Dame - Jenkins Nanovic Hall

The Michigan Man Who Translated Godzilla

Saturday, November 2 | 11:00am - 12:00pm
Francis Branch

1954 Original "Godzilla" Film Screening

Sunday, November 3 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Main Library - CLC

Godzilla Fest is organized by the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies at the University of Notre Dame, the St. Joseph County and the Browning Cinema at Notre Dame's DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

More information is available at asia.nd.edu/godzilla



NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

September 17th | 5:00pm
Main Library - Auditorium

Learn about democracy, voter rights, and more in celebration of National Voter Registration Day. The League of Women Voters will be present to register eligible voters.

LWV will also be visiting branches on the following dates:

9/9: **Francis** | 11am-1pm & **German** | 5pm-7pm
9/10: **River Park** | 11am-1pm & **Tutt** | 5pm-7pm
9/11: **Lasalle** | 11am-1pm & **Western** | 5pm-7pm
9/12: **Centre** | 11am-1pm & 5pm-7pm



BABYTIME

(AGES 0-2)

Centre

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM

Main Library

Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:30 AM

Francis

Thursdays, 10:30 AM

TINY TUMBLERS

(AGES 0-2)

Main Library

Monday, September 16, 10:30 AM

Francis

Monday, October 14, 10:30 AM

STORYTIME

(AGES 3-5)

Main Library

Thursdays, 10:30 AM

Thursdays, 5pm | Sept 19, Oct 24

Centre

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

Francis

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

German

Mondays, 10:30 AM

Lakeville

Alternating Thursdays, 10:30 AM

LaSalle

Mondays, 10:30 AM

North Liberty

Alternating Thursdays, 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

Monday, October 7, 10:30 AM

Francis

Mondays, 10:30 AM | Sept 9, Nov 11

German

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM | Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13

Lakeville

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM | Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20

LaSalle

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM | Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13

North Liberty

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM | Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6

River Park

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM | Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20

Tutt

Wednesdays, 5:30 AM | Sept 25, Oct 23

Visit sjcpl.org/events to confirm the date, time, and location of the program as events may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Main Library

CHILDREN

Events take place in the Story House unless otherwise noted.

Anything But a Brush

Monday, September 9 | 10:30 AM

Discover new ways to paint with anything but a paintbrush! Learn the difference between Process and Product art by creating a masterpiece with your child. Recommended for children ages 0-5.

Lego Builder Challenge

Monday, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18 | 4:30 PM

Can you master the LEGO Builder Challenge? Test your building and creativity skills. Join us as we plan, build, and then share about our creations. Recommended for ages 8 - 12.

Cuentos y Cantos - Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Monday, September 23 | 10:30 AM

Join Senora Velasco as she shares bilingual songs and stories about Hispanic Heritage month. Spanish and non-Spanish speakers are welcome. Recommended for ages 3 - 5.

Magic Mentality*

Thursday, October 17 | 5:00 PM

Grow your confidence and charisma by learning some of the basics of slight of hand magic. Ages 6 - 13 are welcome.

STEAM Toddlers: Ramps

Monday, October 21 | 10:30 AM

How far can you make your car go? Come and explore the science of ramps in this interactive program for toddlers and their caregivers. Recommended for ages 1 - 3.

Godzilla Fest: Dress like Godzilla and Monster Origami!

Tuesday, October 29 | 4:30 PM

Celebrate Godzilla's 70th anniversary by folding a paper monster with Notre Dame Japanese students! Earn a prize for dressing like Godzilla, Rodan, Mothra or other monster! Ages 5 and up are welcome. Presented by the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies.

Eerie Imaginings Ceremony

Wednesday, October 30 | 6:00 PM

Celebrate the end of our Eerie Imaginings Spooky Short Story Writing Contest with a reading of terrifying tales. Refreshments provided.

Explore-a-Story

Saturday, November 2 | 10:00 AM - CLC

Immerse yourself in a story while exploring your library and taking part in early literacy activities based on the book *!Fiestai A Festival of Colors* by Duncan Tonatuih. For ages 0-5 and caregivers.

A Little Scribble Spot's Night of Emotions

Thursday, Nov 7, 14, 21 | 4:30 PM

Based on the Little Spots of Emotion Series by Diane Alber, join us and our friend Scribble Spot as we work together to create a solid foundation for healthy minds. Recommended for ages 3-5.

Finding Nemo Jr. Character Meet & Greet - presented by South Bend Civic Theatre

Saturday, November 9 | 12:30 PM

The cast from South Bend Civic Theatre's production of Finding Nemo Jr. will perform songs from the musical, lead an ocean themed craft, and pose for pictures.

Behind the Scenes at Greta's Gift

Saturday, November 16 | 11:00 AM

Watch colorful costumed characters present sections from the newest, original story-in-dance. Enjoy a variety of dance styles and music. Ages 3-12 are welcome.

Miss Nelson is Missing - presented by Fischhoff's S.A.M. I Am, Stories & Music Program

Saturday, November 23 | 11:00 AM - CLC

Lineage Percussion will perform an interactive musical retelling of Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard. All hands on deck as we scrape, strike and shake our way through this family favorite book!

TEEN

Events take place in the Teen Room unless otherwise noted.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, Sept 7, 21, Oct 5, 19, Nov 2, 16, 30 | 1:00 PM

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!

Fright Night at the Library: DIY Costume Accessories

Wednesday, September 25 | 4:30 PM

Teens will have the choice of creating a magician's staff, a FNAF inspired headpiece, or a custom piece of gory jewelry—the perfect accessory for your Fright Night at the Library ensemble!

Fright Night at the Library: Special Effects Makeup Workshop

Thursday, October 3 | 4:30 PM

A special effects makeup workshop where teens will learn how to create a basic wound using tissue, latex and makeup. This tutorial will aid you in your costume prep for Fright Night at the Library!

Fright Night at the Library

Thursday, October 10 | 5:30 PM

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

Cozy Gaming

Wednesday, November 13 | 5:00 PM

Explore low-stress, easygoing, relaxing games on the Nintendo Switch, computers, and tabletop board games. Learn the Pomodoro Technique to manage your time and stay focused while you play!

ADULT

Yoga for EveryBODY

Wednesdays, Sept 4, 11, 18, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20 | 5:30 PM - CLC Ballroom B

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

STUDIO 304

Video Creation in DaVinci Resolve

Wednesday, September 4 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Sept 18, Oct 2, 16, Nov 6, 20

Create a Collage Art Piece on Canvas

Wednesday, September 11 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Can My Hobby Become a Business?

Monday, October 7 | 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Flip for Profit

Monday, October 14 | 4:30pm - 6:00pm

The Business of Art

Monday, October 21 | 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Learning about Creative Commons

Wednesday, October 23 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Getting Started with 3D printing

Wednesday, November 13 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm



A Cloth That Speaks - Fiber Arts Class for Adults 60+

Mondays, Sept 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7 | 4:00 PM
CLC - Classroom D

Create your own cultural artifact using the time-honored tradition of storytelling on fabric. Learn and practice block printing, embroidery, and more in this 5-week class. Registration required. This activity is made possible in part by the Indiana Arts Commission, which receives support from the State of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administrations Division of Aging.

Invasive Plants and What We Can Do About Them

Tuesday, September 10 | 3 PM, 6 PM
CLC - Ballroom B

Many of us have unknowingly planted invasive plants and have them as part of our landscapes. Learn which ones are causing problems in our ecosystem, the impacts they have, and how we can manage them.

WorkOne Job Fair

Thursday, September 12 | 1:00 PM
CLC - Ballroom A + B

Looking for employment opportunities? Visit the WorkOne Job Fair and meet over 20 participating employers.

French Language Conversation Group

Thursdays, Sept 12, 19, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21 | 6:30 PM - CLC - Classroom C
Join us to practice your French language skills and meet others in our community learning the language!

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 17 | 5:00 PM
CLC - Leighton Auditorium

Learn more about democracy and voter rights in celebration of National Voter Registration Day. The League of Women Voters will be present to register voters.

The Power of Social Entrepreneurship

Tuesday, September 17 | 6:30 PM
CLC - Ballroom B

David Murphy, Assistant Provost for the Office of Innovation and Executive Director for the ESTEEM Graduate Program, will discuss social enterprises and their impact on our world. Free and open to all.

How Small Businesses Get Big Contracts

Wednesday, September 18 | 6:00 PM
CLC - Leighton Auditorium

Learn how small businesses get big contracts in a panel discussion featuring representatives from the City of South Bend, University of Notre Dame, and St. Joe County Public Library.

Gentle Parenting and Caregiving Club

Thursday, Sept 19, Oct 17 | 6:30 PM - L201

This group brings together those interested in discussing conscious caregiving. This is a parent-led group for parents, caregivers, and educators who wish to learn more about the topic.

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

Thursday, September 19 | 1:00 PM
CLC - Ballroom B

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

Book Talks

Tuesday, September 24 | 1:30 PM
CLC - Classroom F

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!

Books on Tap

Thursdays, Sept 26, Oct 24 | 7:00 PM

Literary discussions and heady libations on the last Thursday of each month. Follow us on Facebook or ask to be added to our email for location for that month.

Entrepreneur Hour

Tuesdays, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5:00 PM
CLC - Classroom B

An entrepreneur storytelling series is an opportunity to spotlight the creative, resilient individuals in your community.

German Language Conversation Group

Tuesday, Oct 1, Nov 5 | 6:00 PM
CLC - Classroom A

German Speakers in the Michiana area, come join us for a casual German conversation group!

Can My Hobby Become a Business?

Monday, October 7 | 4:30 PM - Studio 304

This workshop explores the path from hobby to business, including feasibility assessment, business planning, and business formation.

Writing Flash Fiction: The Art of the Short Short Story - With Author Cat Rambo

Saturday, October 12 | 1:00 PM
CLC - Classroom B

This workshop focuses on flash fiction, also known as short short stories. Includes in-class writing exercises, discussion on turning fragments into flash, and an overview of flash fiction markets.

Join Up! South Bend

Sunday, October 13 | 1:30 PM
CLC - Leighton Auditorium + Ballroom

A documentary screening about why you should join a club — as well as an open-house style club fair, visit more than 30 local clubs, associations, and organizations to find out who they are, what they do, and which ones you might like to join.

Flip for Profit

Monday, October 14 | 4:30 PM - Studio 304

This workshop introduces best practices to start the journey to the often enjoyable and, hopefully profitable, business of flipping.

Positive Action Towards Health for Seniors (PATHS)

Tuesday, October 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19 | 1:00 PM - CLC - Classroom D

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

Back to Basics: Painting Class for Adults 60+

Wednesday, October 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13 | 10:00 AM - CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

Curious about painting? Join Young at Art instructor Amanda Wagner in this 5-week course to learn the basics of classical painting. This program is for adults 60+ Registration Required. This activity is made possible in part by the Indiana Arts Commission, which receives support from the State of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administrations Division of Aging.

The Business of Art

Monday, October 21 | 4:30 PM - Studio 304

This workshop addresses basics of business structure and contracts along with a deeper dive into protection of intellectual property.

Godzilla Fest: 1954 Original "Godzilla"

Sunday, November 3 | 1:30 PM

CLC - Leighton Auditorium

Celebrate Godzilla Day and the 70th anniversary of Japan's iconic monster with a screening of the 1954 film. Come in costume and enter the Godzilla Look-Alike Contest. Presented by the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies.

Medicare 101

Thursday, November 7 | 5:30 PM

CLC - Classroom D

Significant and unprecedented changes are coming to Medicare in 2025! Come to a FREE Educational presentation at the Library to get the answers you need to your Medicare questions!

ALL AGES

Community Chamber Music Series presented by Shein Trust

Friday, Sept 13, Oct 25 | 4:00 PM

Join the South Bend Symphony Orchestra for a family-friendly concert. All concerts are free to attend and will feature a variety of musical styles. All are welcome.

Our Universe Revealed - presented by University of Notre Dame and IUSB

Wednesday, Oct 2, Nov 6 | 6:30 PM - CLC

Explore some of the most exciting and cutting edge topics in scientific research.

Nosferatu: A Symphony of Fear and Shadows - presented by The Music Village

Friday, October 4 | 7:00 PM - CLC

Kick off your Halloween season as local experimental rock group Also On Sundays performs a live original score to the 1922 silent film Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror. Free and open to all ages.

Exploration Show with the Euclid Quartet

Thursday, October 10 | 6:00 PM - CLC

Join the Euclid Quartet for an informal performance plus a deep dive and discussion into their upcoming program including works by R. Strauss and more!

Centre

CHILDREN

Kids Yoga with Bend Yoga

Monday, September 16 | 10:30 AM

Join Bend Yoga for movement, a story and mindfulness. Kids 8 and under will use yoga to explore Shel Silverstein's book The Giving Tree. Wear comfy clothes you can move in.

Sensory Time

Tuesdays, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19 | 5:00 AM

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. Registration recommended.

Homeschool Club

Thursdays, Sept 19, Oct 24, Nov 21 | 2:00 PM

Homeschool families and at-home learning students are invited to gather monthly and engage in activities around STEM, reading, and more.

Pokémon Lunch Bunch

Saturdays, Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16 | 11:00 AM

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.

TEEN

The Wonders of Watersheds - with the St. Joe County Soil & Water Conservation District

Tuesday, October 22 | 4:30 PM

Jump into a discussion of watersheds, and how pollution affects watersheds and the water cycle. We will use the augmented reality sandbox to see watersheds in action.

UNEARTHED FILM TOUR

Presented by Indiana Humanities

**Tuesday, October 29
6:00pm - 8:00pm
CLC - Leighton Auditorium**

The Indiana Humanities Unearthed Film Series explores the unique relationships between Hoosiers and the land we call Indiana. Join us for a free screening of eight short films by Indiana filmmakers.

STEAM Lab

Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each week. Recommended for ages 8-12. For more details, visit sjcpl.org.



Centre Branch • Tuesday, 4pm
September 3

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River Park Branch • Tuesday, 4pm
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Tutt Branch • Wednesday, 4pm
October 2

North Liberty Branch • Thursday, 4pm
October 3

Western Branch • Tuesday, 4pm
November 5

German Branch • Wednesday, 4pm
November 6

Francis Branch • Thursday, 4pm
November 7

ADULT

A Matter of Balance: Evidence-Based Program for Adults Over 60*

Mondays, Sept 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 | 1:30 PM

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.

Euchre Club

Tuesdays, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 | 6:00 PM
Euchre beginners and experts alike are invited to meet up for a lively game.

Pages In Time

Thursdays, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 | 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.

How to Love a Country Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 25 | 5:30 PM
Join us in discussing Richard Blanco's poetry book *How to Love a Country*, which addresses the complexities and contradictions of our nation and the unresolved sociopolitical matters that affect us all. Presented by Letras Latinas and the Library of America

Crafting Connections

Tuesday, October 1 | 5:30 PM
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.

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Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

Thursday, October 17 | 1:00 PM

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

Crochet & Knitting Club

Mondays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5:00 PM

Looking for a group to crochet or knit with? All are welcome to join this group of needlework enthusiasts.

Francis

CHILDREN

Kids Yoga with Bend Yoga

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Join Bend Yoga for 45 minutes of movement, story and mindfulness. Kids 8 and under will use yoga to explore Shel Silverstein's story of *The Giving Tree*. Wear comfy clothes you can move in.

STEAM Lab

Thursday, November 7 | 4:00 PM
Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 - 12.

TEEN

Fairy Gardens - with Unity Gardens

Wednesday, October 9 | 5:00 PM

Join us for an enchanting craft workshop focused on creating fairy gardens. These 3D fantasy scenes will be made using upcycled and natural items. Creative freedom is encouraged!

ADULT

W.I.S.E. Wellness for Seniors*

Wednesday, Sept 4, 11, 18, Oct 2 | 1:30 PM

This six week course will focus on empowering older adults to make positive, healthy choices. This series is in partnership with REAL Services.

Cribbage Club

Mondays, Sept 9, 16, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 | 1:00 PM

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, Sept 11, 18, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 27 | 1:00 PM

All chess players are welcome, from the beginner wanting to learn for the first time to the advanced player.

Green Dragon: A Fantasy Book Club

Thursdays, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 | 5:30 PM

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. Book selections can be viewed online

Origami Club

Fridays, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 | 10:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to come and share their knowledge of origami art and exchange ideas for origami art projects.

Resumes & Resources

Thursday, October 17 | 5:30 PM

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

Book Talks

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Godzilla Fest: The Michigan Man Who Translated Godzilla

Saturday, November 2 | 11:00 AM

Celebrate Godzilla's 70th anniversary at a talk by Professor Jeffrey Angles, Western Michigan University, who translated the Japanese novellas "Godzilla" and "Godzilla Raids Again" by Shigeru Kayama. Presented by the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies.

Crafting Connections

Tuesday, November 5 | 5:00 PM

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.

No Experience Necessary: Art Club for Adults - with Sarah Martin from the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art*

Wednesday, November 13 | 5:30 PM

Come prepared to flex your creative muscles and discover new sources of inspiration. For this session, we will be exploring the art and history of photography. No experience necessary!

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German

CHILDREN

Music and a Story with the Euclid Quartet

Thursday, October 3 | 10:30 AM

Enjoy Where Are You From? by Yamile Saied Méndez paired with music by the Euclid Quartet. Discover amazing sounds and explore your emotions through music and a book. Recommended for ages 3 - 8.

STEAM Lab

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ADULT

Quilts with Love

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

Meet up with other quilting enthusiasts to sew quilts and create other items for local charities.

Resumes & Resources

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

Duplicate Bridge Club

Thursdays, Sep 19, Oct 3, 17, Nov 7, 21 | 12:00 PM

Play duplicate bridge with the Battell Duplicate Bridge Club on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

Medicare 101

Thursday, October 10 | 5:30 PM

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Plant-Based Eating: The Pros and Cons of a Plant-Based Diet - presented by Purdue Extension*

Friday, November 15 | 1:00 PM

Learn the ins and outs of plant-based eating, from health benefits to challenges, in this 1-hour program. Registration is recommended for this event.

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NORTH LIBERTY COOKS

Saturday, November 9 | 10 AM - 2 PM

Get ready, North Liberty Foodies. Our annual cookie decorating, dessert demonstration, and cookbook swap is back!

Schedule of Events:

10:30 AM - Dessert Demo

11:30 AM - Candy Sushi

12:30 PM - Cookie Decorating

Lasalle

CHILDREN

Family Story Night - Superhero Edition

Thursday, September 19 | 5:30pm

Join us to unveil some of our favorite superheroes. Every super human will experience a super fun time with stories, crafts, and food.

Reptiles & Amphibians with Rum Village Nature Center

Tuesday, October 22 | 4:00 PM

Learn about amphibians and reptiles and some of the cool ones that live right here in our own area. Meet one special guest up close and personal. Ages 6 - 12 are welcome.

TEEN

A Hip-Hop Odyssey - with Chloe Robinson

Wednesday, October 16 | 5:00 PM

Join us as we explore the foundational elements of hip-hop music. From legendary block parties to timeless bangers, we'll dive deep into this genre's rich history.

ADULT

Plant-Based Eating: The Pros and Cons of a Plant-Based Diet - presented by Purdue Extension*

Friday, September 13 | 1:00 PM

Learn the ins and outs of plant-based eating, from health benefits to challenges, in this 1-hour program. Registration is recommended for this event.

Crafting Connections

Tuesday, September 24 | 12:30 PM

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

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

Thursday, November 7 | 1:00 PM

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

Resumes & Resources

Thursday, November 14 | 5:30 PM

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

River Park

CHILDREN

It's a Hot Mess - Diary of a Wimpy Kid Release Party

Thursday, September 12 | 4:30 PM

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Fun with Fire Station Number 9

Saturday, September 28 | 1:00 PM

Spend time with some of our local heroes. You'll meet firefighters from Station 9, get an up close view of a fire truck, and enjoy a special performance by Roz Puppets.

Fright Night



DIY Costume Accessories

Wednesday, September 25 | 4:30 PM

Special Effects Makeup Workshop

Thursday, October 3 | 4:30 PM

Fright Night at the Library

Thursday, October 10 | 5:30 PM

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

All events will be hosted in the Teen Room.

Ages 12 - 18

STEAM Lab

Tuesday, October 1 | 4:00 PM

Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 - 12.

TEEN

The Wonders of Watersheds - with the St. Joe County Soil & Water Conservation District

Thursday, November 14 | 5:00 PM

Jump into a discussion of watersheds, and how pollution affects watersheds and the water cycle. We will use the augmented reality sandbox to see watersheds in action.

ADULT

Crafting Connections

Tuesday, September 10 | 6:00 PM

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, Sept 25, Oct 30, Nov 20 | 6:30 PM

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, October 3 | 5:30 PM

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

Beginning Genealogy*

Monday, October 21 | 6:00 PM

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

HISPANIC

HERITAGE MONTH

-  **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration**
Tuesday, September 17 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Western Branch
-  **Cuentos y Cantos - Stories & Songs with I Heart Spanish**
Monday, September 23 | 10:30 am - 11:00 am
Main Library
-  **Music and a Story with the Euclid Quartet**
Thursday, October 3 | 10:30am - 11:00am
German Township Branch, The Black Forest Room
-  **How to Love a Country Book Discussion**
presented by Letras Latinas and the Library of America*

Wednesday, September 25 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Centre Township Branch, The Alligator Room

Wednesday, October 2 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tutt Branch, Tutt Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 9 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Western Branch, Western Meeting Room

*This program is presented as part of Latino Poetry: Places We Call Home, a major public humanities initiative taking place across the nation in 2024 and 2025, directed by Library of America and funded with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Emerson Collective.

Tutt

CHILDREN

LEGO Club

Thursdays, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21 | 4:00 PM

Join us each month for a new building challenge! Recommended for Ages 6+, but all are welcome!

Reptiles & Amphibians with Rum Village Nature Center

Tuesday, September 24 | 4:00 PM

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STEAM Lab

Wednesday, October 2 | 4:00 PM

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TEEN

A Hip-Hop Odyssey - with Chloe Robinson

Tuesday, November 12 | 5:00 PM

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ADULT

How to Love a Country Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 2 | 6:00 PM

Join us in discussing Richard Blanco's poetry book *How to Love a Country*, which addresses the complexities and contradictions of our nation and the unresolved sociopolitical matters that affect us all. Presented by Letras Latinas and the Library of America.

Crafting Connections

Tuesday, October 22 | 5:00 PM

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Resumes & Resources

Thursday, November 7 | 5:30 PM

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

High School Yearbook Collection - with Local and Family History*

Wednesday, November 13 | 5:30 PM

How to determine if LFH has a High School Yearbook for St. Joseph County and, when possible, how to view it online.

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

Thursday, November 21 | 1:00 PM

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

Western

CHILDREN

STEAM Lab

Tuesday, November 5 | 4:00 PM

Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 - 12.

Reptiles & Amphibians with Rum Village Nature Center

Wednesday, November 20 | 4:00 PM

Learn about amphibians and reptiles and some of the cool ones that live right here in our own area. Meet one special guest up close and personal. Ages 6 to 12 are welcome.

TEEN

A Hip-Hop Odyssey - with Chloe Robinson

Wednesday, September 18 | 5:00 PM

Join us as we explore the foundational elements of hip-hop music. From legendary block parties to timeless bangers, we'll dive deep into this genre's rich history.

ADULT

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network

Thursday, October 3 | 1:00 PM

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

How to Love a Country Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 9 | 5:30 PM

Join us in discussing Richard Blanco's poetry book *How to Love a Country*, which addresses the complexities and contradictions of our nation and the unresolved sociopolitical matters that affect us all. Presented by Letras Latinas and the Library of America

Resumes & Resources

Thursday, October 10 | 5:30 PM

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

Medicare 101

Wednesday, October 30 | 5:30 PM

Significant and unprecedented changes are coming to Medicare in 2025! Come to a FREE Educational presentation at the Library to get the answers you need to your Medicare questions!

Crafting Connections

Tuesday, November 12 | 4:00 PM

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ALL AGES

Family Bingo Night

Tuesdays, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 | 6:00 PM

Come play bingo with your family or friend. Get a snack, have some fun and maybe even win a prize!

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Tuesday, September 17 | 5:00 PM

Celebrate the contributions and diverse culture of American Latinos. Join us for crafts/artesanía, food/comida, music/música, and games/juegos!

La Lotería - Mexican Bingo

Thursdays, Oct 3, Nov 7 | 6:00 PM

Join us for a family game of la lotería, a traditional Mexican game of chance similar to bingo. Enjoy snacks and the chance to win prizes.

Lakeville

CHILDREN

Homeschool Club

Mondays, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 | 12:00 PM

Lakeville Homeschoolers club will meet monthly for socialization, guest speakers, and educational planning.

Fall Pumpkin Painting

Saturday, October 5 | 11:00 AM

Fall is in the air and pumpkins are ready for your artistry. Join us for an afternoon of pumpkin painting and treats.

It's a Hot Mess - Diary of a Wimpy Kid Release Party

Wednesday, October 23 | 4:00 PM

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TEEN

The Wonders of Watersheds - with the St. Joe County Soil & Water Conservation District

Wednesday, September 11 | 5:00 PM

Join a discussion of watersheds, and how pollution affects watersheds and the water cycle. We will use the augmented reality sandbox to see watersheds in action.

ADULT

Crafting Connections

Tuesday, September 17 | 3:30 PM

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.

Invasive Plants and What We Can Do About Them

Friday, October 18 | 1:00 PM

Many of us have unknowingly planted invasive plants and have them as part of our landscapes. Learn which ones are causing problems in our ecosystem, the impacts they have, and how we can manage them.

Resumes & Resources

Thursday, November 21 | 5:30 PM

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

North Liberty

CHILDREN

STEAM Lab

Thursday, October 3 | 4:00 PM

Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 - 12.

It's a Hot Mess - Diary of a Wimpy Kid Release Party

Wednesday, November 6 | 4:00 PM

It's coming! *Diary of a Wimpy Kid Hot Mess* is due on shelves in October. Celebrate everything Wimpy from learning how to create your own comic strip to games and crafts. Ages 8 - 12 are welcome.

TEEN

Fairy Gardens - with Unity Gardens

Tuesday, November 19 | 5:00 PM

Join us for an enchanting craft workshop focused on creating fairy gardens. These 3D fantasy scenes will be made using upcycled and natural items. Creative freedom is encouraged!

ADULT

Euchre Club

Wednesdays, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13 | 6:00 PM

You might be a Hoosier if you already know the rules. Join us for Euchre Club at North Liberty, second Wednesday of every month.

Resumes & Resources

Thursday, September 19 | 5:30 PM

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

Liberty's Readers

Tuesday, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 26 | 4:00 PM

Explore a wide range of genres with fellow fearless readers! Call the branch for this month's selection (574) 656-3664.

Crafting Connections

Tuesday, October 8 | 4:00 PM

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.

No Experience Necessary: Art Club for Adults - with Sarah Martin from the Racine Murphy Museum of Art*

Wednesday, October 30 | 5:30 PM

Come prepared to flex your creative muscles and discover new sources of inspiration. For this session, we will be exploring the art and history of photography. No experience necessary!

North Liberty Cooks

Saturday, November 9 | 10:00 AM

Get ready North Liberty Foodies. Our annual cookie decorating, dessert demonstration, and cookbook swap is back!

Virtual Events

Mesa Virtual de Conversación en Español

Tuesdays, Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19 | 3:00 PM

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

Write Space

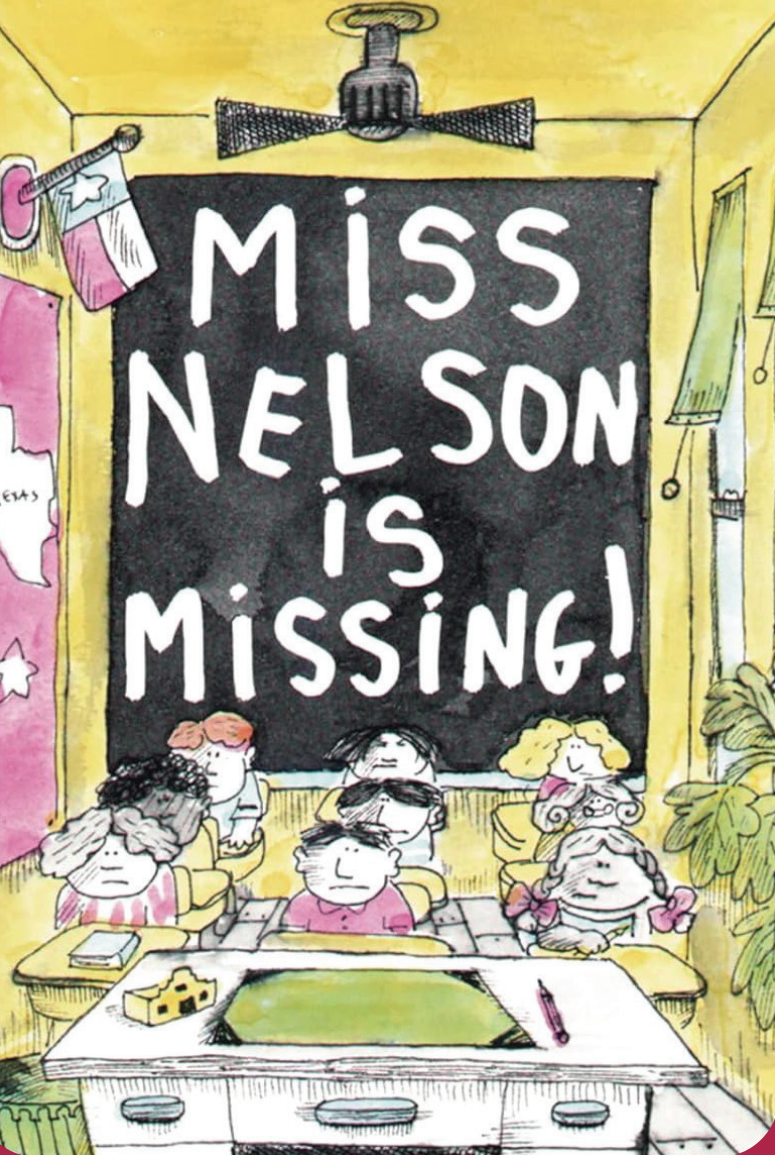
Tuesdays, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19 | 7:00 PM

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.

SJCPL Online Book Group*

Mondays, Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 18 | 8:00 PM

Join our online book group to participate in conversations surrounding the following novels: *Hench: A Novel*, *The Last Cuentista* and *Calling for a Blanket Dance*. Registration recommended.



Miss Nelson is Missing!

Presented by Fischhoff's S.A.M. I Am, Stories & Music Program

Saturday, November 23

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Main Library

Lineage Percussion will perform an interactive musical retelling of Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard. All hands on deck as we scrape, strike and shake our way through this family favorite book!

Founded in 2014 by Trevor Barroero, Lauren Floyd, and Wesley Sumpter, Lineage Percussion is a trio that spreads its roots into many facets of the chamber music industry.



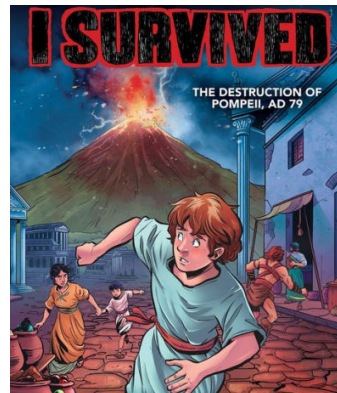
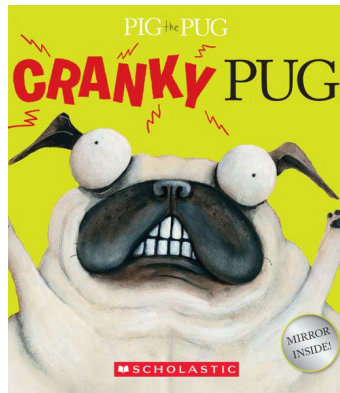
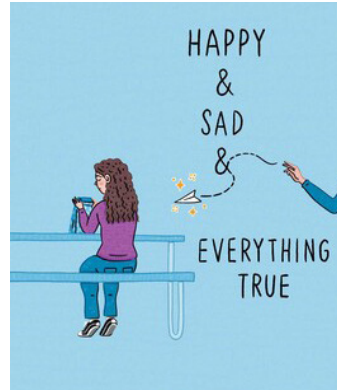
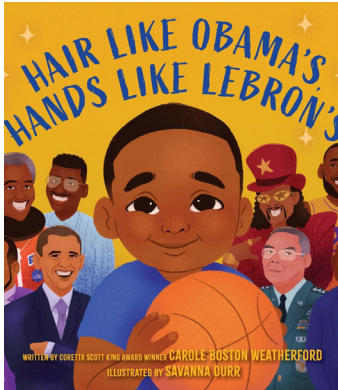
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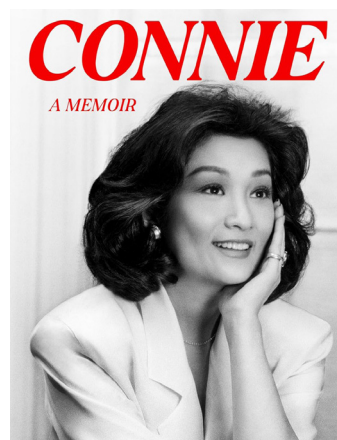
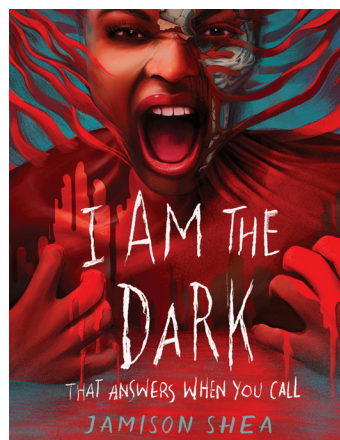
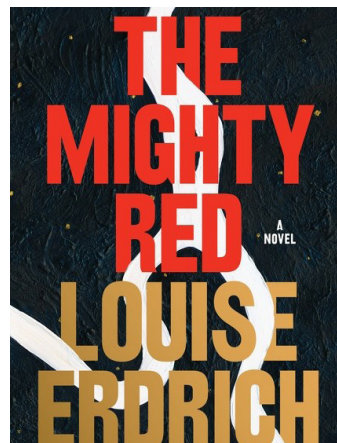
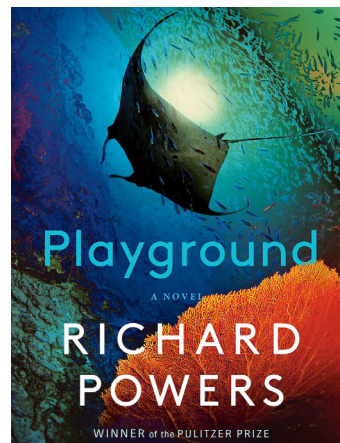


Fall New Releases

Books for Children



Books for Teens & Adults



Summer Reading Club

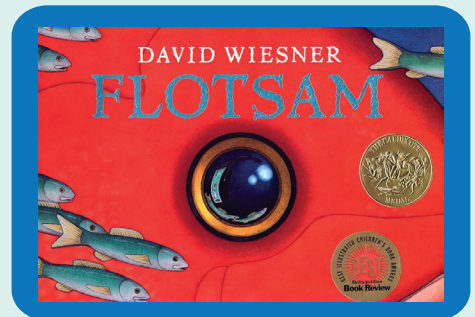
Wrapped

With over **7,000** readers and **60,000** books registered for Summer Reading Club, we've marked our most successful and engaging season yet! We infused passion for our community, literacy, and innovation into every detail, making it a standout experience.

87,087
BOOKS READ

A stack of that many books would be **5 times as tall*** as the Willis Tower in Chicago!

*Assuming an average thickness of 1" per book.



The most popular book, Flotsam, by David Wiesner was read over **60 times!**

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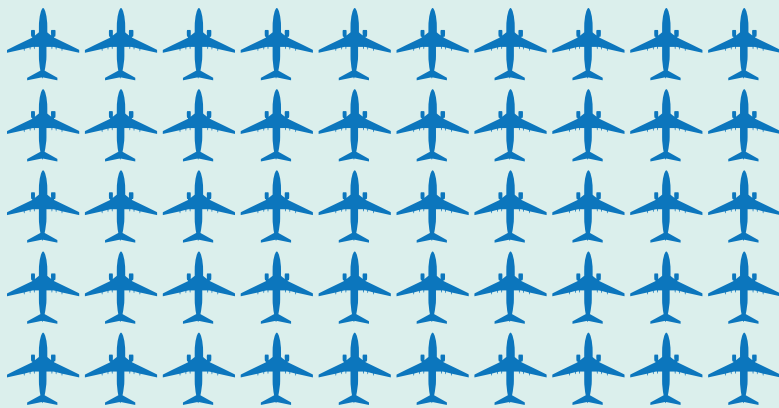
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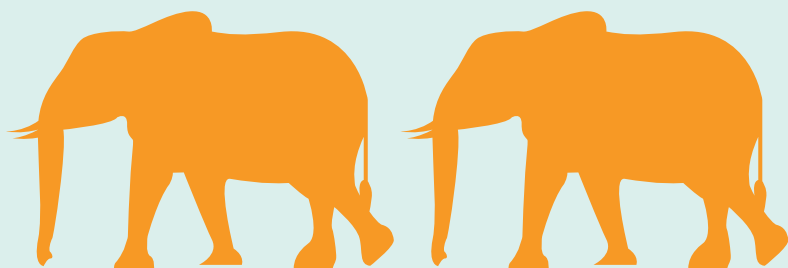
You would need **50 Boeing 737's** to transport all the newly registered readers!

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ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

If you completed 1 activity per day, it would take you over **40 years** to complete all of these Summer Reading Club Challenges!



9,234
REWARDS REDEEMED



If each reward was a gold medal, they would weigh more than **2 fully-grown African elephants!**

EERIE IMAGININGS SPOOKY SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

Calling all young authors in Grades 3-12!

Write and submit a terrifying tale (one to three pages) to delight and fright readers of all ages. There will be a \$50 gift card for first place winners and a \$25 giftcard for runner-ups!

Submissions will be accepted from Tuesday, September 3 through Thursday, October 3. An awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at 6 p.m. in the Story House.

Stories should not be excessively violent or graphic, should be appropriate for all ages, and should be the student's own original work. No fanfiction, please.

Submit your terrifying tale:

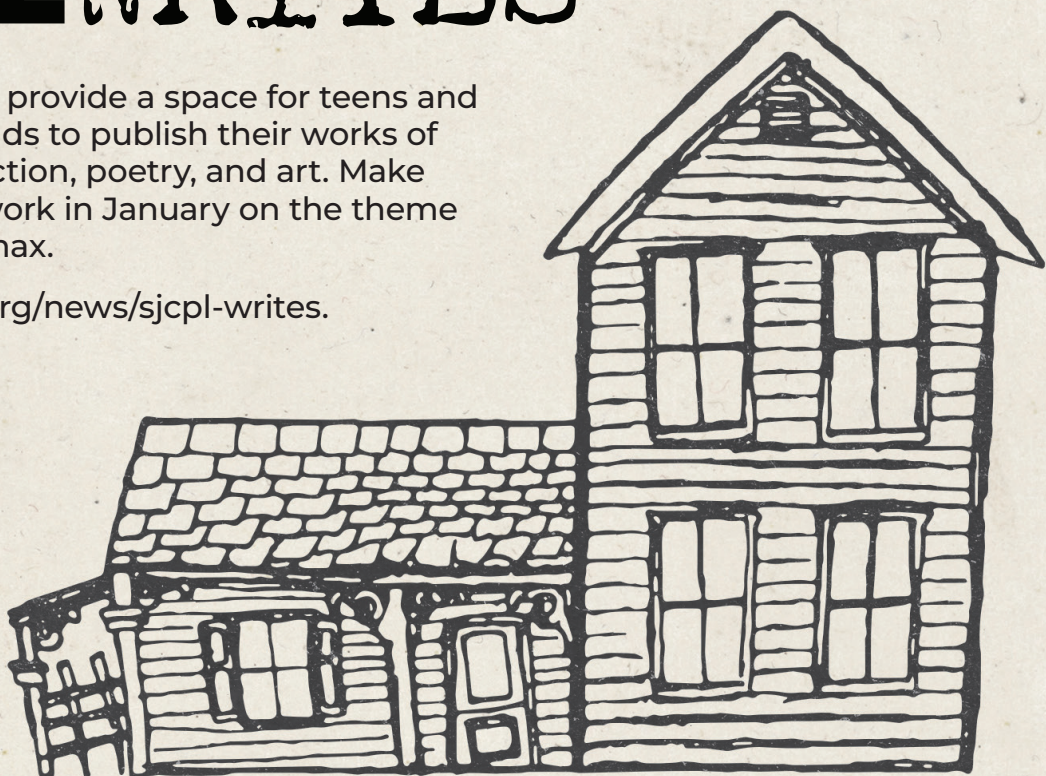
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SJCPLWRITES

SJCPL Writes seeks to provide a space for teens and adults of all backgrounds to publish their works of fiction, narrative nonfiction, poetry, and art. Make plans to submit your work in January on the theme of **home**, 1500 words max.

For details, visit sjcpl.org/news/sjcpl-writes.



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Explore- a-Story

Saturday, November 2 10:00am - 12:30pm
Main Library - CLC

Immerse yourself in a story while exploring your library and taking part in early literacy activities based on the book *!Fiesta; A Festival of Colors* by Duncan Tonatiuh. For ages 0-5 and caregivers.

!Fiesta; A Festival of Colors

