

# Indiana Free Library SHELF LIFE



## Letter from the Director: What's new at the library?

Well, your library is in the process of modernizing!

Many volunteers have been steadily working all summer to retag all of the items that circulate so that our collection will work with our new self-check stations!

There is new equipment installed on the main floor and in the Children's Department to allow you to scan your library card and check-out your own books, print a receipt, and hop out the door in a New York minute.

We know that parents will appreciate the convenience and kids will love to be able to check-out their own books.

We are so grateful to Mardelle Fish who has endowed the library and made this project possible. We are also so pleased to announce that the Children's Department will be named in her honor at a ceremony soon - so stay tuned for that news.

Thank you to the many volunteers who came - even for an hour - and some for many hours weekly and tagged some books so that everyone can have the benefit of this new system. It is a great service to your community with a lasting result.

We think that people will enjoy this new and *safer* avenue of service.

We know that many of you have been patient under COVID with the services we were able to offer and that it will be so much better when everything can be restored as if the virus has passed, but we also know that it still lurks among us and so we continue to maintain some cautions even with the library open. We are hoping to expand hours soon with the addition of more staff to serve your needs. *Thank you* for your patience as we evolve to fuller service.

Please know that we are embarking on National Library Card month in September. There are new plastic cards available with key fobs for your convenience too! Look within to find activities for our cardholders this month. Get involved and *you might even win a Kindle Fire!*

Our book clubs continue to thrive while meeting outdoors and we are delighted to find that so many found a way to stay engaged even under the pandemic. We continue with over five book clubs a month and now offer kits for kids to be involved in their own clubs too. We find it is a great way to be social and safe.

Outdoor education has been our theme with Summer Reading and have found additional ways to partner in our community for some great Saturday events.

Please read further.

We are also grateful to the women of the American Association of University Women who offered their partnership and funding to launch kids coding club, CODE BRAVE at IFL! This Summer we hosted a two-week Coding Camp for kids from 3rd to 8th grades to learn basic coding concepts. *This is just the beginning for us.* There will be a series of fall and spring workshops, online resources, and we hope to spin off a monthly coding club.

Stay tuned!

And for those who missed out on the summer launch, we will offer an addition two-week program next summer. This is a great way for kids to learn how to work on projects, interact with like-minded kids, do problem solving, and gain a skill that will empower them in any STEM field. This is an *exciting* venture.

So the library has been subdued by the pandemic as we all have been, but not idle, and never boring. There is still enough good weather left this year to find a summer read and enjoy a quiet corner. Your contributions have been hard at work making this community thrive.

Many thanks to this wonderful and supportive community!

*Stay Safe*  
-Kate Geiger



# September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

The Indiana Free Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

To celebrate we are giving a bag of library goodies, including a Kindle Fire, away! You can enter by getting a new library card, upgrading your card to one of our new plastic cards (They are half price this month!), or by completing our "Library card BINGO" game.



The Indiana Free Library is in search of part-time, temporary volunteers to work on a book tagging project for the library. Any available time will be appreciated. The project is estimated to take 3-6 months. Please consider if you are able to offer time to help your community in this way and either call the library 724-465-8841 or send email to [reference@indianafreelibrary.org](mailto:reference@indianafreelibrary.org) and let us know if you are willing

**Volunteer at the Library**

## IFL Book Club Schedule

**Classics Book Club**  
The Classics Book Club will meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. Email Lauri at [iflteens@gmail.com](mailto:iflteens@gmail.com) for meeting location.

**September 23rd**  
The Innocents Abroad by Mark Twain

**October 28th**  
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Stories by Robert Louis Stevenson

**November 18th**  
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

**December 16th**  
Sherlock Holmes and the Adventures of the Blue Carbuncle

**We Be Book N' Tween Book Club**  
We meet the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Email Val @ [iflkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:iflkidsfun@gmail.com) for meeting location.

**September 20th**  
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (ages 8-12)

**October 18th**  
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne (ages 12+)

**November 15th**  
Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk (ages 10-13)

**December 20th**  
Compass South: A Graphic Novel by Hope Larson (ages 10-12)

**TRUE STORY Book Club**  
We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Email Val @ [iflkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:iflkidsfun@gmail.com) for meeting location.

**September 7th**  
Sybil Exposed: The Extraordinary School behind the Famous Multiple Personality Case by Debbie Nathan

**October 5th**  
H.J. Heniz: A Biography by Quentin R. Skrabec Jr.

**November 2nd**  
Captive of the Labyrinth: Sarah L. Winchester, Heiress to the Rifle Fortune by Mary Jo Ignoffo

**December 7th**  
My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for his Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq by Ariel Sabar

JOIN one of our FIVE popular book clubs meeting on ZOOM or in person this fall!  
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**AMERICAN HISTORY BOOK CLUB**  
We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Email Val @ [iflkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:iflkidsfun@gmail.com) for meeting information.

**September 28th**  
A Few Acres of Snow: The Sage of the French and Indian Wars by Robert Leckie

**October 26th**  
The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America by Colin G. Calloway

**November 23rd**  
Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War that Changed American History by Brian Kilmeade

**December 28th**  
The Birth of Modern Politics: Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, and the Election of 1828

**IFL BOOK CLUB**  
The IFL Book Club meets the second Monday of the months at 7 pm. Email Lauri [iflteens@gmail.com](mailto:iflteens@gmail.com) for information on our IFL Book Club fall meeting location.

**September 13th**  
Goodbye, Vitamin by Rachel Khong

**October 11th**  
Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

**November 8th**  
Mudbound by Hillary Jordan

**December 13th**  
Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood



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October  
7, 14, 21 & 28

Grades 6-8 : 3:00 - 4:00  
Grades 3-5 : 4:40 - 5:30

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## IFL 2021 Cruise Into Kindergarten

Cruise Into Kindergarten is a program for those children aged 3-4 who are getting ready to go to school for the first time!

Even if your child is in preschool, you can take part in our program and help your child learn skills they'll need at school and at home. The program includes a set of sixteen activity cards that you will need to pick up at the library. Each one has a different activity, craft, rhymes, and recommended reading for the day and range in themes such as Letters and Numbers, Doing the Laundry, and Taking a Walk, among many others.

If you are interested in the program, please go into "News and Events." then to "Calendar Events." Our new session begins on January 11<sup>th</sup> and runs until May 17<sup>th</sup>. To register you will see IFL 2021 Cruise Into Kindergarten on our website. Click on the Register Button and fill in your information.

You will then be notified when you can come in and pick up your activity cards. Space is limited to 40 children, so please register quickly before all the spaces fill up!

For additional info contact Val at [iflkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:iflkidsfun@gmail.com)



## IFL STORY TIME AT THE HEN HOUSE

Join Val every  
Tuesday at 3 p.m.  
on Facebook

## Start your own Book Club

We are excited to announce we have a new "Collection." Introducing 14 new "Kids Book Club Kits" ready and waiting for you to check out and use for your very own book club meeting at your house!  
They can be found on display in the Children's Department. Stop in, read their summaries, and ask for a Book Club Kit bag from the children's librarian. Then you can check them out at the front desk using your library card just like you would any of our other books.  
Plan your book club meeting now and invite your friends to "Read All the Books!!!"  
Our Titles include:  
Case Closed: Mystery in the Mansion by Lauren Magaziner  
The Vanderbecker series by Karina Glaser  
Trapped! A Framed Novel by James Ponti  
Demon Dentist by David Williams  
Cub by Cynthia Copeland  
Fever, 1793 by Lauri Halse Anderson  
A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry  
and more!!!!



Do you LOVE learning about coding? Try our Prenda Coding Club. It is a self-guided online software program that teaches you how to code through hundreds of coding tutorials and dozens of real-world projects. Prenda is NOW available on our website [www.indianafreelibrary.org](http://www.indianafreelibrary.org)

NORTHERN APPALACHIAN FOLK FESTIVAL  
Make and take your very own corn husk doll with the help of our staff.  
Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Main Street Indiana, PA  
Find us in the Childrens Alley

## Join us Thursdays at 3 pm on Facebook

We will have an art themed book and then we will do a small art project with materials you can find around your house or inexpensively at the dollar store. You will learn about painting, sculptures and may other forms of art in this fun new art program!



## The Craft House Ages 6-12



Find all our storytimes, crafternoons and digital offerings on our website [www.indianafreelibrary.org](http://www.indianafreelibrary.org) under the tab: WHAT WE DO - ONLINE PROGRAMS

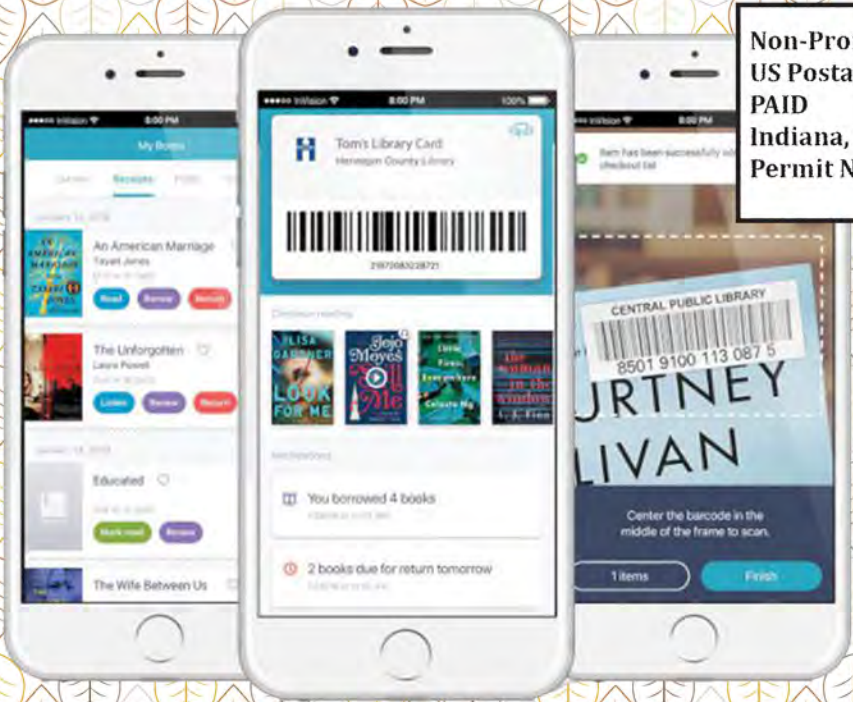




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