

Indiana Free Library SHELF LIFE



Letter from the Director:

2024 is here! The Indiana Free Library has again, and for the fourth year in a row, been awarded the Gold Star from Pa Forward for our great programs and activities supporting the literacy of our community!

See the PA Forward website <https://paforward.org/> to see the full details of this accomplishment and please take the time to congratulate your library staff who work very hard to continue to keep these coming.

After nearly 19 years of bringing great programming, collections, and services for our community, **I will be retiring this year in April** and I want you all to know that it has been an **honor** and **privilege** to serve this community with quality library service.

I have enjoyed getting to know so many wonderful people here in Indiana through my library connections, but I will still be in Indiana and look forward to continuing those connections in my free time.

There have been many changes and improvements at the Library over the years.

I have been so grateful for the terrific support of our community and the love we share for this library. **It couldn't happen without you.**

If you would **join me** in one last act of support and celebrate my retirement with a contribution to the Robert Eddy Memorial Library Card Fund, **I would be so pleased.** This fund was set up to offer FREE cards to those outside our service area who would normally pay \$25. per year for a library card. This is something I worked to change during my years of service to no avail. Robert Eddy and his family, who live in Creekside, have found a solution and as long as this fund is replenished, we can continue to offer these cards to area families for FREE.

You may find the link to our website for donating, by scanning the QR code on the back of this newsletter, via our website online or send a check to the library with Robert Eddy in the memo.

There is another event which is on the horizon on April 13th that is a little sad for me, but we will turn that into a celebration of life. We lost Kitty Hood this year. She was our Board President during my first full year at the library and has remained a true friend. I will always miss her. She would like her passing to be celebrated and, for those that knew her, there will be a celebration in her memory to commemorate her passing. Her husband, Michael Hood is offering a celebration and the details can also be found on our website with requests for reservations and memorial donations in Kittys honor.

Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being such a great community that enjoys reading, learning, and building a lively community.

You rock!

Kate Geiger



KIDS, TEENS & T'WEENS

MONDAYS

Toddler Tales: Ages 18 months-3 years at 10:30 AM in the Story Room of the Children's Department.

IFL walking Club: (YA) The fourth Monday of Each month. We will meet on the first floor of the library for a brisk walk 30 minutes away from the library and at 30 minutes we turn around and return to the library. Let's make a goal and track our steps once a month together while we talk about Indiana and what's happening along the way. We will be mapping our steps and hopefully we will have enough to make it all the way to the beach! This program is open to all ages.



TUESDAYS

Book Babes: Ages newborn-18 months at 10:30 AM in the Story Room of the Children's Department.

A new, short story picture book with fingerplays, music, songs, and rhyme time all tangled up into a fun time.

Mommy, me & a cup of tea: Every 2nd Tuesday at 10:30 AM. Parents of little ones (Ages birth-15 months), can stop in, have a cup of tea, and share stories with other parents of little ones. The librarians will be on hand to read stories to the little ones while parents socialize a little. We will also provide resources on parenting and family issues.



Primary Health Day: Join us on 1/30, 2/27 & 3/26 from 4-5 PM with or without parents to learn more about your health. January we will learn about Dental Health each participant will receive a gift bag and COVID tests. February we will be learning tips for Self-Care. March we will learn the difference between Sugar VS Proteins and work on an easter craft.

Taco Tuesday: (YA) 2/13, 3/12, 4/9 & 5/14 We eat tacos and watch a movie; (Librarian's choice) A place for teens after school to chill out and snack on tacos and hopefully find their friends from summer who participated in movie with a menu nights.



ITS TACO TIME

WEDNESDAYS

Storytime @ the Hen House: Ages 3-5 years at 10:30 AM in the Storyroom and Craft Area of the library. Sometimes, Val's fluffy, feathered girls will join in virtually for a fun story and craft. We'll read a short story together, usually a new book, and then afterwards, work on an easy, but fun craft or activity with all materials provided.

Discovery of Learning (DOL): Homeschoolers aged 6-11 from 2-3 PM in the Children's Department.

We'll read and talk about different subjects (Science, technology, languages, the arts, cultures, nature, history, literature, etc.), learn how to research these subjects using library and internet resources, learn digital skills and about various devices, and provide instruction and materials for a thought-provoking experiment, craft, or art project to go with each week's theme. Children will have use of STEM Kits, library materials, internet computers, ChromeBooks, and library resources. They will be instructed how to use all of these to help with their homework and other projects.

Kids Movie Night: Stop in on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm and watch a popular kids movie on our BIG SCREEN.

Popcorn is provided! Blankets are optional! No registration necessary.



February 6th: Finding Dory

March 6th: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

April 3rd: Luca



After school Hang: (YA) Fourth Thursday every month. Come for Games, Refreshments, movies, crafts and make new friends or meet up with someone you already know. Time for homework, and checking out books too if you like. *Registration required. Time for 6-12th grade young adults to gather after school with a snack, drink, movie, game, craft, time for homework and possible movie. A time to connect with other teens in a non-threatening, positive environment before going home for dinner and evening activities.

THURSDAYS

curious kids Library Time: Ages 3-5 years at 10:30 AM in the Children's Department. A fun and educational storytime for pre-schoolers and kindergarteners. We'll read stories, learn a little about the animals, people, or other things we find in our stories, learn skills that will be used in school, and have a little fun exercising together. Many times, our storytime theme is based on special days of the month or week such as Groundhog Day or the National Celebration of Life.

DO RE MI Kids: A brand new afternoon program for kids ages 3-6 from 1-2 PM. We'll learn a little about music and movement during this program using simple instruments (Including our own voices), websites and podcasts, reading materials, and interactive games. We even may make our own musical instruments every once in a while!

yoga and good stretch w/ sarah beth: (YA) First and Third Thursday of the month @ 4 PM a place where some yoga mats are provided but please come with a mat/towel/water bottle/and comfortable stretchy clothing. Plan to zone out and focus on your body moving as much as you possibly can and finding peace after a long day at school. We will follow Sarah Beth on YouTube and do what we can, modify movements as needed. Please register for this event via our website.

YA Artisan workshop: Join us on the second Thursday of each month from 4-5 PM where we will put on a movie and work on a craft that you can keep for yourself or give away as a gift! **February:** Valentine's theme **March:** Pysanky Eggs **April:** Scherenschnitte

May: National Parks Postcards Registration is *Required so we have enough supplies for everyone.



SATURDAYS

wee ones storytime: Kids from newborn to 2 years on Saturday's at 10:30 AM.

The craft house: 1st and 3rd Saturday from 1-3 PM. Self-directed arts and crafts activity for kids aged 6-12.

Stop in and work on something fun with your friends! All materials will be provided for each week.

Stem Play Day: 2nd and 4th Saturday from 1-3 PM. Stop in and play with one of our many STEM Kits.

This is a self-directed STEM playtime. ALL AGES WELCOME!

SPECIAL EVENTS

FAFSA Help: Bring your laptop and PIN into the Library on February 26th from 6-7:30 PM We will help you complete your FAFSA or show you how to do it at home.

National Library week: April 7th-13th. All week long in the Children's Department we will have special Library Week events!

Celebrate Earth Day: April 22nd (ALL DAY) In the Children's Department. We will be celebrating with special events and programs.

National Random Acts of Kindness week: February 18th-22nd. Come into the Library to paint a Kindness Rock to be placed outside the Library around the outdoor sign.

IFL Young Adult
Activities & Events
Facebook Page

Don't miss a
single YA Event

Scan the QR
Code to Join!



DISCOVERING *Mocktails*
 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH
 7PM

ALCOHOL IS A CENTRAL PART OF OUR SOCIETY, BUT A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE LOOKING TO EXPLORE NON-ALCOHOLIC OPTIONS. AT THIS PROGRAM, WE WILL TRY OUR HAND AT MAKING A COUPLE OF MOCKTAILS, GIVE THEM A TASTE, AND SHARE RECIPES AND IDEAS WITH OTHERS.
 *THIS IS A SUGGESTION-FREE EVENT. WHERE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PEOPLE MAY HAVE DIFFERENT REASONS FOR CHOOSING NON-ALCOHOLIC OPTIONS, IF YOU ARE SOBER OR SOBER-CURIOUS, ARE TRYING TO SUPPORT SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS, OR JUST WANT TO TRY OUT SOME TASTY ALTERNATIVES TO YOUR FAVORITE DRINKS, SWING BY AND SEE US!

SPIN A YARN CLUB

4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
 10:30 AM

DO YOU NEED MOTIVATION TO WORK ON THAT PROJECT YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING? WANT TO WORK ON A PROJECT WHILE CHATTING WITH PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS? OR MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IDEAS WITH OTHERS.

*NEEDLE ARTS INCLUDE CROCHET, KNOTS, FELTING, CROSS-STITCH, REBELE FELTING, AND LATTICE. BUT MOST CRAFTS ARE WELCOME, AS LONG AS THEY DON'T REQUIRE LOTS OF SPACE OR SET-UP TIME!

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 REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED
 SUPPLIES ARE NOT PROVIDED

DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

2PM ON THE SECOND FLOOR REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

FEB 5TH POWER LIBRARY
 MAR 4TH TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE
 APR 1ST CANVA FOR BEGINNERS
 MAY 6TH CLOUDLIBRARY

Just the Basics

Intro to Computers
 Software & the Internet

11 AM: Community Room

March 7th - Hardware
 March 14th - Software
 March 21st - Internet: what is it?
 March 28th - Websites

Let's GOOGLE it!

FREE INSTRUCTION ON GOOGLE TOOLS @ 2PM-COMMUNITY ROOM

Feb 19 Gmail
 Mar 18 Google Drive
 Apr 15 Google Docs
 May 20 Google Forms

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

GUIDED MEDITATION IN THE STACKS

APRIL 9TH @ 4:30 PM

TAKE IN THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS, AND FEEL OF THE LIBRARY AND REFLECT ON WHAT THE LIBRARY MEANS TO YOU (OR WHATEVER ELSE YOUR MIND LEADS YOU TO).

*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

INDIANA FREE LIBRARY

Come on *Barbie*
 Let's go Party

FEBRUARY 17TH

1-4PM

- Dress as your favorite Barbie Character
- Red carpet photos
- Movie & Refreshments
- Barbie Theme Make & Take Items
- Registration required*

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HEY BARBIE! & to register

At the Indiana Free Library, our Digital Services Navigation Librarian, Lauri is here to help you find solutions for all of your tricky tech needs.

Ask Lauri
 IFL
 DIGITAL TECH ASSIST

Scan Here to Book a 30 minute appointment or call 724-465-8841

Sci-Fi Flick Night

6:30 PM Second floor

*Bring your quick wit and humor ages 18+.

February 12th - Fantastic Voyage
 March 11th - Seconds
 April 8th - The Night the World Exploded
 May 13th - Thing from Another World

IFL BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Find more information on our website
www.indianafreelibrary.org

True Story Book Club

The True Story Book Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11 AM. For more info email Reference@indianafreelibrary.org

February 6th
 Rin Tin Tin: The Life and Legend by Susan Orlean

March 5th
 TBD: Members will pick in the February meeting

April 2nd
 TBD: Members will pick in the March meeting

May 7th
 TBD: Members will pick in the April meeting

GUilty pleasures BOOK CLUB

Are you an Adult who LOVES to read the coolest books from the Young Adult section...this is the book club for you! The NEW Guilty Pleasures Book Club will meet on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

January 10th
 Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

February 14th
 Excuse Me While I Ugly Cry by Joya Goffney

March 13th & April 10th
 TBD by members at the previous months meeting

NEW IN 2024

AMERICAN History BOOK CLUB

The American History Book Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 AM. Email Val at iflkidsfun@gmail.com for more information.

January 23rd
 Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War and Other Battles by Anthony Swofford

February 27th
 Let's Roll! Ordinary People, Extraordinary Courage by Lisa Beamer

March 26th
 Dreams of My Father: The Story of Race and Inheritance by Barack Obama

April 23rd
 Fire on the Horizon: The Untold Story of the Gulf Oil Disaster by Tome Shroder and John Konrad

IFL Classics BOOK CLUB

The Classics Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. Members will choose the next book at the previous months meeting. For more info Reference@indianafreelibrary.org

WE ARE CONTINUALLY ADDING NEW PROGRAMS TO OUR SCHEDULE TO VIEW OUR MOST CURRENT AND UP TO DATE SCHEDULE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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 UPCOMING EVENTS PAGE OR SCAN HERE

The IFL Taster's Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at Noon. This season Taster's Club will feature recipes from cookbooks based on books.

February 7th
 Hallelujah! The Welcome Table by Maya Angelou

March 6th
 The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook by Dinah Bucholz

April 3rd
 The Secret Garden Cookbook by Amy Cotler

May 1st
 The Unofficial Hunger Games Cookbook by Emily Ansara Baines



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Happy RETIREMENT!

Thank you for 19 years of dedication, progress & commitment to the Indiana Free Library. Wishing you a long, happy & adventuresous retirement. Now the FUN begins! Congratulations Kate!!!

-Your Library Staff



Literacy For ALL!

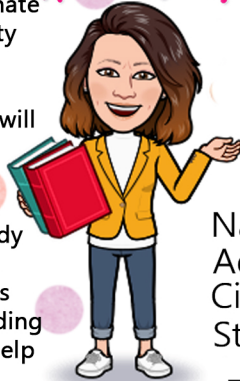
would you like us to share a special message with kate?

After dedicating 19 years as the Director of Indiana Free Library, Kate Geiger is retiring and we need your help! Kate's love for literacy and Indiana County has allowed us to grow and thrive into the wonderful public library that you know and love today. She has always been passionate about growing our library and service to the community through the power of literacy.

We know that, even in retirement, Kate's service years will continue to help us venture into the future with a firm foundation.

Would you please consider donating to The Robert Eddy Memorial Library Card Fund in Kate's honor? The Fund makes FREE library cards available for all of our patrons regardless of their address or financial situation. Providing access to all of our current and future patrons would help us continue to fulfill Kate's dream of literacy for all!

THANK YOU!



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State: _____ Zip: _____

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