

Indiana Free Library SHELF LIFE



Letter from the Director:

Waiting, waiting, waiting on the world to change... some prophetic words by John Mayer in 2006 still seem appropriate to me.

It has been a hard year for most and the beginning of 2021 looks just as hard for many.

We want to make it less hard for you and will continue to offer quality resources that can help you get through this time.

Looking ahead to this year full of activity or quiet times, times to read and reflect, or join in and discuss, or watch some favorites to draw you out of the doldrums.

We have so many great new reads which you can pick up during Grab-N-Go hours.

We offer a "Computers by Appointment" program to keep you connected and will lend Chromebooks if you need them.

Have you tried a new board game for the family?

We have those too!

We are offering our programs online and Book Clubs through Zoom, webinars and some great digital resources.

Have you tried one of the Great Courses? Have you laughed through a British comedy on Acorn TV? Have your little ones played on Miss Humblebees and found a new skill? Have your kids used the Power Library for homework helps? Anyone for coding?

Maybe you are working on New Year's resolutions for health and safety. Try LearnItLive for a new perspective. If you are like many in our community, job skills are a concern amidst so many changes.

We have many options such as Gale courses which have been used in many community colleges for credit and are offered to you FREE from our website. I have some very good feedback that this has been helpful to many who are in the workforce

or looking for a job change.

For a real challenge we have Learning Express which offers training for those life-changing exams such as the GED or GRE or Civil Service or even LSATs!

So for any age and interest there should be something that the library can do for you.

As my mother would say...there is no reason for you to be bored.

It was a hard year and we do hope that you are staying safe and keeping well.

We are here for you and we want to help our community rebuild and be ready for the next steps, whatever that may be.

Let's make 2021 the year we turn it around and make it better.

Stay Safe
-Kate Geiger

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2021

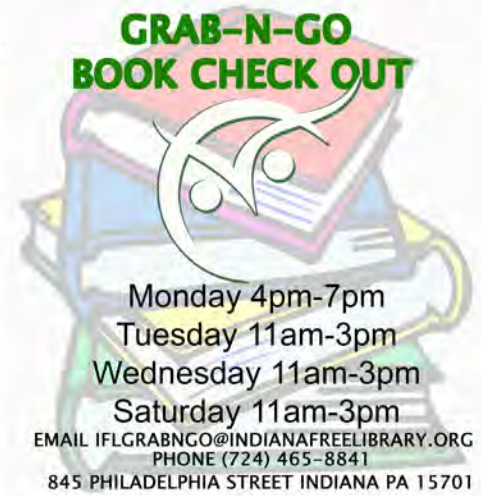
BLACK LIVES MATTER

The Indiana Free Library recognizes the importance of race, privilege, and black life in our community. To help our patrons, we have created an "Anti-Racism and Black Life in America" shelf on cloudLibrary. These resources have been chosen to help our community understand how to advocate for our black communities, to better understand the lives of black Americans, and to help families have conversations together. Visit our collection at yourcloudlibrary.com and look for our Featured section to find these titles. In addition and through a generous donation, from Colleen Kennedy-Karpat, the library now offers new titles in a Black Lives Matter collection. Please see the catalog for individual titles and grow your world by reading something new.

To check out our books from our new collection via Grab-N-Go please contact iflgrabngo@indianafreelibrary.org or call (724) 465-8841



GRAB-N-GO BOOK CHECK OUT



NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

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BOLO!
 New youth coding camp "Code Brave" will be looking for 10 members to be the *first* ever group to be our inaugural members! Sign up at the website below to join!

<https://indianafreelibrary.org/what-we-do/youth-programs/code-brave.html>



Find it on Facebook!

Spring Schedule Continued

March:

- 2 & 4: Read an eBook Week (All week is National Week)
- 9 & 11: Plant a Flower Week (12th is National Plant a Flower Day)
- 16 & 18: Children's Craft Week (Craft on both days this week because the 14th is National Children's Craft Day)
- 30 & April 1: Crayon Week (31st is National Crayon Day)

April:

- 6 & 8: Wildlife Week (All week is National Week)
- 13 & 15: Love our Pets Week (11th is National Pet Day)
- 20 & 22: National Library Week (All week is National Library Week)
- 27 & 29: Every Kid Healthy Week (All week is Every Kid Healthy)



Spring 2021 Schedule

January:

- 5 & 7: Celebration of Life Week (All week is National Week)
- 12 & 14: Strange Hat Week (15th is National Hat Day)
- 19 & 21: Winnie the Pooh Week (18th is National Winnie the Pooh Day)
- 26 & 28: Puzzles Week (29th is National Puzzle Day)

February:

- 2 & 4: Girls and Women in Sports Week (3rd is National Girls and Women in Sports Day)
- 9 & 11: African American History Week (February is National African American History Month)
- 16 & 18: Random Acts of Kindness Week (All week is National Week)
- 23 & 25: Tell a Fairy Tale Week (26th is National Tell a Fairy Tale Day)



Plastic Cards are available!
 email reference@indianafreelibrary.org
 With Matching Keyfob!



New Session Beginning SOON! IFL 2020 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." Starting on January 25th, and running until May 24th, you will see IFL 2020 Cruise Into Kindergarten. 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

Our Schedule

- January 25th - Introduction
- February 1st - Letters & Sounds
- February 8th - Taking a Walk
- February 15th - Numbers & Counting
- February 22nd - Bedtime
- March 1st - Mirrors & Light
- March 8th - Doing Laundry
- March 15th - Shapes & Patterns
- March 22nd - Going Shopping
- March 29th - More Letters & Sounds
- April 5th - Easter Monday - No Lesson
- April 12th - Preparing Meals
- April 19th - Sorting & Measuring
- April 26th - Sink or Float
- May 3rd - Magnets
- May 10th - Bubbles
- May 17th - Ice & Water
- May 24th - End of Season Celebration

Culture is defined as "The sum total of the learned behavior of any given society." This is a great definition for Mr. Kocher's high school World Cultures class that it came from, but for the purposes of this program, it will also mean how we experience culture in our own community, tapping into the rich talents within our own town. Libraries are a hub of culture in any community.

We are excited to take you on an exploration of topics such as music, painting, theater, languages, story-telling, history, crafts, poetry, pottery, film watching and making...and any other aspect of culture that we can include.

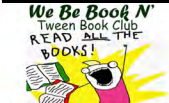
Join Kate the second and fourth Tuesday and of each month for a new enlightening conversation. If you would like to be involved with our program email Kate at publib.kate@gmail.org

View our previous episodes on our website :

<https://indianafreelibrary.org/what-we-do/services/points-of-culture.html>

Zoom Book Clubs

JOIN one of our FIVE popular book clubs meeting on ZOOM
(VIDEO PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL)
Find more information on our website
www.indianafreelibrary.org



We meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Email Val @ iflkidsfun@gmail.com to be added to the zoom invite list.

January 18th
Wish by Barbara O'Connor

February 15th
Doll Bones by Holly Black

March 15th
My Family Divided: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope by Diane Guerrero, Erica Moroz

April 19th
New Kid by Jerry Craft



We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Email Val @ iflkidsfun@gmail.com to be added to the zoom invite list.

January 5th
Just Don't Fall: A Hilariously True Story of Childhood, Cancer, Amputation, Romantic Yearning, and Olympic Greatness by Josh Sundquist

February 2nd
The Real Diana: The Revealing Biography of the Princess of Wales by Royal Commentator, Lady Colin Campbell

March 2nd
438 Days: An Extraordinary True Story of Survival at Sea by Jonathan Franklin

April 6th
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson



We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Email Val @ iflkidsfun@gmail.com to be added to the zoom invite list.

January 26th
Final Countdown: NASA and the End of the Space Shuttle Program by Pat Duggins

February 23rd
Five Days: The Fiery Reckoning of an American City by Wes Moore

March 23rd
The Moundbuilders: Ancient Peoples of Eastern North America by George R. Milner

April 27th
A Land So Strange: The Epic Journey of Cabeza de Vaca by Andrés Reséndez



We meet the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Email Lauri @ iflteens@gmail.com to be added to the zoom invite list.

Check our website www.indianafreelibrary.org for the IFL Book Club schedule. Books will be picked based on availability and suggestions from the group.



We meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Email Lauri @ iflteens@gmail.com to be added to the zoom invite list.

Check our website www.indianafreelibrary.org for the Classics Book Club schedule. Books will be picked based on availability and suggestions from the group.

{ Note for book clubs : Hard copies should be available soon for the members who need them. Please reserve your book through the Grab-N-Go Service }

Join Lauri every Wednesday on Facebook



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