

Indiana Free Library SHELF LIFE



Letter from the Director:

Welcome back!

We have missed you! Beginning May 22nd the library will be open for browsing which means, **yes you can come in** and find your own books, browse the selection of new materials, grab a magazine to go, and find a movie for some downtime.

We know that while everything was available to you during Grab N Go, it is just not the same as being in *your* library. Please be aware that we are still concerned for your safety and have taken good measures to continue to protect you from the virus. We ask that library visits be limited to a half-hour stay to allow more people the opportunity.

We also will require mask-wearing over the mouth and nose while in the building. If you are not able to wear a mask, the Grab N Go service will continue to be an option for you.

Our staff is now vaccinated, but we are aware that not all of our patrons will be.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, seating has been removed from most areas and we will frequently disinfect high-touch areas. Air purifiers have been installed on each floor to protect the air quality for visitors. We are happy to announce the return of Interlibrary Loan services again for our patrons! Our regular hours will continue to be the same as during Grab N Go. **Monday 4-7 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 11 am – 3 pm.**

Summer Reading is on the way and we are excited to get families outside enjoying the fresh air. Our **Wild Wednesdays** are detailed inside and will be a great weekly experience for all ages so register and get involved with Summer Reading!

One great opportunity for teens and pre-teens will be a two-week coding camp in July called **Code Brave**.

We have partnered with the American Association of University Women. We will use the *Girls Who Code* model to help teens get started with basic coding skills or grow those already started. It is a fun way to learn something new that may turn into a hobby or even a career!

We do still offer our digital resources on the website. This may be a great time to jump-start your career with a **FREE** skill-building course from Gale Courses or take a little time to view the Great Courses on a topic that interests you.

We *thank you* so much for your patience during this pandemic and support as we work to keep you safe and still give access to all of our great services. While there are some limitations still, we know that there is no limit to what you can do! Keep reading, learning, working, growing, enjoying, and being the best community.

Stay Safe
-Kate Geiger

Get ready for

SUMMER READING

June 14th - July 30th



This year we will be doing a hybrid Summer Reading Program : Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Virtual - Wednesday in person!!!

Summer Reading Kick-Off Meet & Greet
When: June 14th, 10 AM-3 PM
Where: Yellow Creek State Park, Beach Pavilion

Online virtual programming:

Mondays: Birth through 5, posted on our website by 3 PM. (The weekly theme will match the Wild Wednesday theme for the week).

Tuesdays: Teens, a combination of online meetings and pre-recorded videos posted to our website and our teen summer reading Facebook group at 1:00 PM.

Thursdays: Ages 6-12, posted on our website by 3 PM. (The weekly theme will match the Wild Wednesday theme for the week).

The themes for ages birth-12 are:

June 14th-17th--Conservation of our Tails (and tales).

June 21-24th--Our Helpful Insect-Tails.

June 28th-July 1st--The Tails We Love.

July 5th-July 8th--French and Indian Tales.

July 12th-July 15--Wild Tails.

July 19th-July 22nd--Wet Wild Tails.

July 26th-July 29th--Those Beautiful Bird Tails

Outdoor programming:

Wild Wednesday's: During summer reading, we will have a special outdoor program at the Waterworks Conservation Area just south on Sixth Street (Signs will mark the way). Wild Wednesday's start at 10:30 AM and run till 1 PM (Parents and children may linger in the park after 1 PM).

2021 Summer Reading Wrap-up Party

At the end of summer reading, our wrap-up party will take place at Mack Park. Anyone who wants to participate in the free swim must register for the summer reading program before the cut-off date of July 16th, *no exceptions*. We will celebrate your summer accomplishments!

When: July 30th 1 PM-close. Free swim from 3:30-pool closing.

Where: Mack Park, Playground Pavilion and Pool.

There will be snacks, refreshments, and party cupcakes available throughout the event for all in attendance. Prizes will be awarded for completion of the various games and activities we will have throughout summer reading as well as any who have completed their reading goals.

Wild Wednesdays at Waterworks Conservation Area, 10:30-1

A guest of the library will offer a short presentation on our theme (1/2-one hour), to kick-off the day: Tails and Tales. We follow up with an activity during a question and answer time. Library staff will leave after crafts are completed, but participants are encouraged to remain to enjoy the park. The park is open until dusk.

*There are clean restrooms, a large pavilion with electric outlets, and a large charcoal grill for cooking on site. Trails with interpretive signs surround a large dragonfly pond and the nearby stream and woodlands. There is even an acid mine drainage interpretive spot onsite. This park is only 3 miles outside Indiana at the end of 6th Street. Signage will mark the way to the site. There is plenty of parking for all who attend. We will also take our pop-up gazebos and seating in order to provide all three groups with enough space to enjoy stories and work on crafts. A small snack & refreshment may be provided.

Wild Wednesday Schedule

June 16th--Welcome to Wild Wednesdays. Conservation of Our Tails. Ed Patterson of the Friends of the Parks will lead us on a tour of the conservation area and tell us why this special park was created.

June 23rd--Our Helpful Insect Tails. Pollinators and Plants, Louisa Fordyce, Penn State Master Gardener--will be on hand to talk to our kids about bees, butterflies, and other pollinators that keep our Earth so beautiful.

June 30th--The Tails We Love, Indiana County Humane Society will come out and talk about the types of pets that they have at the society for adoption and how to take good care of those pets.

July 7th--French and Indian Tales, Artillerie de Rois--will set up a living history camp and tell tales of how the British and French once fought in this very area over control of the lands in what becomes Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

June 14th--Our Wild Tails, Lisa Meadows, Environmental Educator from Yellow Creek State Park--Lisa will bring her fur pelts with her and talk about the critters that wear those furs.

July 1st--Wild Wet Tails--Miranda (Mandy) Smith of the Southwest Region Education Specialist of the PA Fish and Boat Commission will present some cool information on the wet critters that inhabit our Pennsylvania streams and lakes. She'll also lead us in a hands-on activity!

July 28th--Those Beautiful Birds Tails--Todd Bird Club of Indiana, Armstrong, and Cambria Counties will be at the park to show us all the beautiful birds that hang out in Indiana County. We'll walk around the dragonfly pond and try to identify each bird we see with the help of our club member.

July 17th Outdoor Co-op event With Evergreen Conservancy Park

"Crick Critter Hunt" Evergreen Conservancy Park, Rayne Church Road, Tanoma, PA. We'll gather at the park at 10:30 to get wet and hunt for the critters that live in the wetlands. Afterwards, we'll do something really cool with the help of a member of the wetland staff! Tye dye a bandana using the iron collected from the wetland ponds.



Summer Reading Minute Goals:

Ages birth-5--200 Minutes (10 bedtime stories)

Ages 6-12--300 Minutes (20 minutes a day for fifteen days)

Teens--1000 Minutes

Limited Admission

"Learn to code and command the future. A special opportunity for curious teens!"

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2-Week Program
Join our **Free Coding Program**
July 12-23
10-11:30am
Monday-Friday

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS
The Indiana Free Library
American Association of University Women
in affiliation with Girls Who Code Curriculum

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

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Read between June 1 and July 31 to earn an **AWESOME** library prize pack.
Pre-Readers (ages birth to 5) – Read 200 minutes.
Kids (ages 6-11) - Read 300 minutes
Teens – Read 1000 minutes For every 50 points you add, you earn a chance in our end-of-summer raffle!
Adults - For every book you add, you earn a chance in our end-of-summer raffle!



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JUNE 5TH 9AM-3PM

BLUE SPRUCE PARK BALLFIELD

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The POWER Library is a service of Pennsylvania's public libraries, school libraries, and the State Library. The POWER Library provides access to thousands of full text periodical articles, newspapers, a major encyclopedia, plus photographs, pictures, charts, maps and reference materials for students and people of all ages.

These are a few of our RESOURCES listed below.

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 and let us know if you are willing

IFL Book Clubs

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

We Be Book N' Tween Book Club
READ ALL THE BOOKS!

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.

AMERICAN History BOOK CLUB

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.

June 21st
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (ages 10-13)

June 22nd
Love and Hate in Jamestown: John Smith, Pocahontas, and the Start of a New Nation by David A. Price

July 19th
Fly Girls (Young Readers' Edition): How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History by Keith O'Brien (ages 10+)

July 27th
A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience (Pivotal Moments in American History) by Emerson W. Baker

August 16th
The Woman's Hour (Adapted for Young Readers): Our Fight for the Right to Vote by Elaine Weiss (ages 8-12)

August 24th
Into the American Woods: Negotiations on the Pennsylvania Frontier by James H. Merrell

TRUE STORY Book Club

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.

BOOK CLUB

This summer our book club will be at Getty Heights Park at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month (weather permitting). Email iflteens@gmail.com to be included in the email list.

June 1st
Not Without My Daughter: The Harrowing True Story of a Mother's Courage by Betty Mahmoody and William Hoffer

June 14th
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

July 6th
Charlie Chaplin: A Brief Life (Ackroyd's Brief Lives) by Peter Ackroyd

July 12th
Waterproof by Judith Coopery

August 3rd
Sybil Exposed: The Extraordinary Story behind the Famous Multiple Personality Case by Debbie Nathan

August 9th
Long Pedal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

Classics Book Club
Classics in the Great Outdoors will be meeting at Getty Heights Park on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM (weather permitting). Sign up now at iflteens@gmail.com to be included in the email list.

June 24th
Song of the Lark by Willa Cather

June 22nd
Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

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

August 26th
A Knight's Tale by Geoffrey Chaucer

Volunteer at the Library

Computers By Appointment

Monday 4-7
Tuesday 11-3
Wednesday 11-3
Saturday 11-3

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**Monday 4 – 7 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Saturday 11 am – 3 pm**

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www.indianafreelibrary.org

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