

Indiana Free Library

SHELF LIFE



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Hello! My name is Lauri Fletcher, and I am the **Acting Interim Director for the Indiana Free Library**. You may know me as the tech librarian here at the library. I have worked at the library for 18 years.

I began my time here in the Children's department. I then made my way up the staircase where I began working with teens and adults, hosting programs, book clubs and buying books for the teen and fiction collections. My last move was when I transitioned to our digital navigation librarian, where I could help people learn more about technology, teach computer classes and spread the word about all the library's digital resources.

In April, I was asked to be the library's interim director. It is a job that both *frightens* and *excites* me. I look forward to all the **great** things I can help the library accomplish!

One of the things I helped start as the digital navigation librarian is our **Chromebook lending service**. Chromebooks are a new type of computer designed to help you get things done faster and easier. They run ChromeOS, an operating system with cloud storage, the best of Google built-in and multiple layers of security. Chromebooks can be borrowed for two weeks, come with everything you need to operate them...and are **FREE!**

Summer is *almost* here, and with it, our exciting summer reading programs! We have a diverse range of activities for everyone. The Children's Department has prepared a **fantastic** line-up of programs and activities for children and families. I'm particularly excited about the **Campfire, Storytelling, Songs, and S'mores event on July 11th at 7:00**. Join us at Mack Park for an unforgettable evening of family fun, learning and s'mores!

For those with a *green thumb* or a desire to get their hands dirty, we have two exciting gardening programs. **Kids and teens can join us at Mack Park on Wednesdays at 3:30 to lend a hand in our community gardens**. And for our budding horticulturists, we have the Teen Gardening program at the library. Help us transform the library's surroundings by working on our garden along the building.

We haven't forgotten grown-ups, either. Adults can join one of our **five** book clubs, an exercise program, or a crafting program. Our **Bad Art Night** sounds fantastic! For more information about our programs look inside and go to our events page on the website.

-I look forward to seeing you at the library this summer!

Lauri Fletcher





KIDS, TEENS & T'WEENS

MONDAYS

Adventure Amigos: 3-5 years old, 10:30 AM in the Children's Department. Stories & Crafts relevant to each week's theme. Registration required. Program is limited to twenty children.

Canvas Painting Adventures: June 17th & 24th and July 1st & 8th. Meet us on the second floor of the Library where we will decide what National Park monument or landscape you want to create on your large canvas. This will be sip and paint style. Registration is required. The first ten to register are guaranteed a spot.

TUESDAYS

Tiny Tot Explorers: Birth-2 years old, 10:30 AM @ Mack Park. BLANKET PROGRAM! Stories, songs, and rhymes pertaining to each week's theme. No registration for this one. No limit on participants. Weather dependent program! Please be aware of the weather and watch for updates on Facebook!

Taco Tuesday: June 11th and July 9th at 4:00 PM. Come in to enjoy tacos while we watch a movie or play a game. We will plan to watch something adventurous to learn something new about one of our National Parks. Registration is recommended.

Teen Gardening: June 4th and 18th 4-5:30pm and July 22nd 6-8pm. We will be tending to our New IFL 9th Street Garden. We will create a fairy garden, paint rocks and decorate with flags and solar elements. Watering, weeding, planting differting flowers and tubers. We will also tend to the indoor plants and keep journals on what we see and experience. Drinks and Snacks will be provided a the end of the hour.



WEDNESDAYS

wild wanderers: 6-11 years old, 2 PM in the Library Community Room. Stories (non-fiction), Live (Thru Zoom), tours or Virtual Tours of the weekly chosen National/State Parks and history, crafts, nature and science activities related to each week's theme. Registration required. Program is limited to 30 children. *All summer reading participants are invited to sit in on the live ranger presentations from our National Parks presentations Wednesday afternoons at 2 PM. Please note though, that the activity for the 2 PM program will only be for children aged 6-11 years old.

Kids Grow! 4:00-5:00 PM at Mack Park Community Gardens. Gardening Club for our children aged 6-11. Younger siblings can join in also, but adults must remain with *all* children. This program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Kids Grow! is also open to *Young Adults* to check in with the librarian and just do what is asked from the volunteer coordinator at the garden. This time will be counted toward their service project time. There will be kids of all ages helping at this time in different areas of the garden with different tasks.

preschool Adventurers: 3-5 years old, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Children's Department. This program will mirror Adventure Amigos. Stories & Crafts relevant to each week's theme. Registration required. Program is limited to twenty children.

THURSDAYS

Full STEAM Ahead: 8-11 years old, 10:30 AM in the Children's Department. STEAM digital arts and crafts program for older children. Registration is required. Program is limited to twenty children.

YA Artisan workshop: June 6th, 20th & 27th - 4:00-5:30 PM. Library Community Room. Making Walking Sticks. Young adults and guests are encouraged to bring a walking stick into the Library that is shoulder height. We will then whittle, sand, stain, paint, drill and shellac our walking sticks. Once they are complete we will plan two adventures to walk in nearby woods on trails.



SATURDAYS

wee ones storytime: Birth- 2 years old, 10:30 in the Children's Department. Stories, rhymes & songs for the little ones.

The Craft House: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 6-11 years old **STEM PLAY Day:** 2nd & 4th Saturdays, all ages welcome, 1-3 PM both programs are self-guided and held in the in the Children's Department.

-SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS-

June 1 - Family Nature Palooza- 10 AM-3 PM - Come out and have fun at the Indiana Children's Advisory Council's annual family event at Blue Spruce Park. The Library will be set up with our kites for our annual kite fly - This event is held at Blue Spruce Park just outside Indiana and is free and open to all ages.

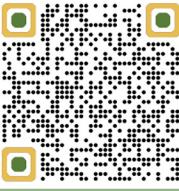


June 10 - Summer Reading Kick-off - 1-4 PM - Getty Heights Park. Join us for summer reading "Adventure Begins at your Library" Kick-Off party. We will show you how to register for programs, complete a craft which will give you an idea of what we are going to do this summer, grab a snack and a Library swag bag filled with goodies and coupons for the summer. Registration is required and opens on May 20th on our website. You can also register by calling the Library at 724-465-8841 ext. 6 or by emailing Val or Barb at iflkidsfun@gmail.com. Our YA Librarian Jacque will be available as well to talk about YA summer programming. Please let us know how many will be attending!

July 11 - Campfire Storytelling, Songs & S'mores - 7-9 PM - Mack Park Community Garden. We will have an evening of fun around the campfire telling stories, singing songs and eating s'mores. Bring a blanket or chairs. You are also welcome to bring a guitar, fiddle or other instrument if you are musically inclined. Check our social media for weather updates.

July 25 - Star Walk - 8-9 PM - Blue Spruce Park Ballfield. Star gazing event. Bring something to sit on and have a star gazing app downloaded on your phone. We recommend STARWALK2. Keep an eye on our social media for weather updates.

July 31 - Summer Reading wrap-up Party - 11 AM-3 PM - Blue Spruce Park Pavilion 1. Refreshments and food will be provided as we celebrate all the fun we had this summer.



SCAN HERE W/YOUR PHONE TO REGISTER & VIEW THE MOST UP TO DATE SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR THE ENTIRE LIBRARY

ADULT PROGRAMMING

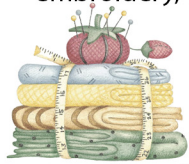


Chair yoga: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 1 PM. Guided chair yoga session. Chairs and water will be provided. Come ready to stretch.

spin-A-yarn Club: June 18th, July 16th, August 20th. 10:30-11:30 AM. Do you need motivation to work on the project you have been avoiding? Want to work on a project while chatting with people who have similar crafting interests? Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for whatever needle arts projects you'd like. We'll have refreshments and maybe we'll even "spin a yarn" now and then. The only requirement is that it doesn't take a lot of space or set up time. *Needle arts include crochet, knit, embroidery, cross-stitch, needle felting and tatting. Supplies are not provided.



sit-N-Stitch: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 1 PM. THIS IS NOT A DRILL! The quilting club is back! Bring your projects to the Library to work on them with a group of quilting queens ... and maybe some kings. Get advice, share ideas and get feedback from fellow quilters on your work.



IFL walking club: 4-5 PM. All ages welcomes! Don't walk alone! June 17th & 24th - July 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th. We will meet on the 1st floor of the Library walk 30 minutes then turn around and walk back to the Library. We will track our steps as we learn about Indiana from each other and see cool things along the way.



Bad Art Night: July 31st - 6 PM - Do you think you're bad at art? Come put yourself to the test...or just enjoy yourself! We will be making the worst, dumbest or ugliest piece of art you can come up with. At the end of the night, we'll vote to see who's creation is the worst-of-the-worst. All in good fun! Some supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Registration is required.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: July 2nd - on the 2nd floor of the Library in the community room.



Join us as we welcome special guest speaker Dr. Erick Lauber in the Community Room June 10th from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Library for a special presentation on his new book "How to Raise a Grownup." A movement toward intentional parenting. Lauber draws upon his own experiences on raising his three - now adult children - with insights into emotional and financial advice with real life examples to see long term benefits of intentional parenting.

Sci-fi Flick Night
6:30 PM Second floor

Bring your quick wit and humor ages 18+

June 10th - The Earth Dies Screaming
July 8th - Mysterious Island
August 12th - Twenty Million Miles to Earth

IFL BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

JOIN ONE OF OUR FIVE POPULAR BOOK CLUBS

WE ARE NOW MEETING IN THE READING AREA ON THE SECOND FLOOR IN THE LIBRARY

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE
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REFERENCE@INDIANAFREELIBRARY.ORG WITH QUESTIONS

True Story Book Club
The True Story Book Club will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11 AM.

June 4th
The Book Collectors of Daraya by Delphine Minoui

July 2nd
The Shepherd's Life" A People's History of the Lake District by James Rebanks

August 6th
Passing Strange: A Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line by Martha A. Sandweiss

AMERICAN History BOOK CLUB
The American History Book Club will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 AM.

June 25th
The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America by George Packer

July 23rd
Covid 19: The Pandemic that Never should have Happened and How to Stop the Next One by Debora MacKenzie.

August
No August Book Club

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

June 12th
Gwen and Art Are Not in Love by Lex Croucher

July 10th
Legendborn by Tracy Deonn

August 14th
Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

IFL Classics BOOK CLUB
The Classics Book Club will meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM.

June 27nd
Cheri by Colette

July 25th
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

August 22th
Our Lady of the Flowers by Jean Genet

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.

June 5th
Outlander Kitchen: The Official Outlander Companion Cookbook by Theresa Carle-Sanders

July 3rd
The Little Women Cookbook by Wini Moranville

August 7th
A Feast of Ice and Fire: The Official Game of Thrones Companion Cookbook by Chelsea Monroe-Cassel and Sarann Lehrner

READ ALONE - TOGETHER!

SILENT NIGHT at the library
JUNE 26 / JULY 24 / AUGUST 28
6-7:30 PM



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Summer Dates to Remember

May 29 - 1-4 PM - Community Wellness Fair - 16 vendors - prizes for participants

June 1 - Family Nature Palooza- 10am-3pm - Annual Kite Fly - Blue Spruce Park

• June 10 - Summer Reading Kick-off - 1-4pm - Getty Heights Park

June 19 - LIBRARY CLOSED in observance of Juneteenth

July 4 - LIBRARY CLOSED in observance of Independence Day

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July 25 - Star Walk - (weather permitting) - 8-9pm - Blue Spruce Park Ballfield

July 31 - Summer Reading Wrap-up Party - 11am-3pm - Blue Spruce Park Pavilion 1

September 2 - LIBRARY CLOSED in observance of Labor Day



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Save the Date

Indiana Free Library presents our 25th Annual Evening in the Stacks

coast to coast on the
Lincoln Highway

October 18th, 2024
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Entertainment, Music, Delightful Conversations

\$40 per person
(limited to 200 guests)

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