Indiana Free Library
SHELF LIFE

Letter from the Director:

2023! *We made it!*

Greetings from your library!

Starting a new year gives a chance to reboot, refresh, and try to make things better. We hope to be able to help with that in 2023.

As you read the following pages, consider how you can take advantage of library offerings to make a difference in your life or for someone you know who has yet to find out what the library can do. We have so many resources and no reason not to use them. *It starts with a library card* so make sure yours is up to date because this will be quite a year.

We have a **new** selection of books and magazines and it is now easier than ever to find them with our updated catalog. We have even more available from your device for digtal content, ebooks and audiobooks. A number of patrons have said they really appreciate Hoopla for movies, TV series, music, magazine and Great Courses, in addition to the ebooks and audiobooks. We offer **more** ebooks and audiobooks through the cloudLibrary available from our Johnstown District.

If you still cannot find a book to read, then we can draw from other libraries through the Interlibrary Loan services.

Another popular digital offering is ancestry.com, which our genealogy fans are enjoying along with getting involved in our **new** genealogy program to explore their history *with friends*. Learning Express is availabe to help study for life changing exams such as G.E.D., S.A.T., G.R.E., LSAT's, Civil Service and many others that might be included in your New Year's Resolutions to reach life goals.

Considering your financial goals? We offer Weiss Financial which offers high quality information to help you make decisions to improve your finances this year with great consumer stock market tips from basics to bull markets. *Take some time to explore and find out what you don't know.*

Many people have found and enjoyed the Gale Courses which offer over 350 online, instructor-led, six-week, quality, skill-building courses. You can use them to improve job skills or to learn a new hobby. Many community colleges use them for credit and *we are offering them for* ***free*** *to our community.*

If you find that you are digitally challenged and not able to use these great resources because you aren't sure how, we offer tutorials and appointments to get help with that. So don't be shy, find out how to use all that your library offers.

No computer? ... we can help with that too.

Take a look at the lineup of programs for adults, teens and children. There are book clubs, craft programs, cooking options, and other **meaningful** events to enjoy.

A special offer that starts soon will be a series of discussions on art topics lead by Chuck Olsen, a former visual arts professor from St. Francis University. This will be a *fascinating* series for artist and art lovers so consider coming for one - or all - of them on Monday nights.

As always, see our website (www.indianafreelibrary.org) for details and explore what you can do.

Did you know that you can renew your own books online and set your own reminder dates? *Did you know* that last year, just in book borrowing, IFL saved Indiana residents around $700,000 and the Library is so much *more* than books.

Your library is working to offer great value, great resources, and add to a *wonderful life* here in Indiana.

And it all starts with your library card....

Stay Safe

-Kate Geiger



KIDS, TEENS & T'WEENS

Mondays

Book Babies: Ages newborn-2 years at 10:30 AM in the Storyroom 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.

Tuesdays

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.



Storytime at the Hen House: Ages 2-5 years old at 1 pm in the Story Room of the Children's Department. We'll check in with the chicken girls, read some stories, sing a little, play a little, and work on a craft while you're here.

Code Brave: Introduction to Scratch: March 7th-28th from 4-5 pm. Join us for this introduction to Scratch class. This class is for beginner coders with little to no coding experience. We will explore the basics of coding, critical thinking, and creativity. Join us for this exciting coding workshop that offers innovative whole-group activities that build teamwork and communication, and tutorials in which students learn and practice computer coding. This workshop is intended for kids aged 8-10. ***Registration is required and space is limited!***

Wednesdays

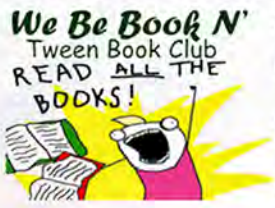
Discovery of Learning (Homeschoolers Program): Beginning February 1st from 2-3 pm. Discovery of Learning (DOL) is for ages 6-11. We'll read and talk about different subjects (Science, technology, languages, the arts, cultures, nature,history, literature, etc.), learn how to research these subjects using library and internet resources, learn digital skills and about various devices, assist with paper writing and citations, offer a monthly reading challenge to children, 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, Chrome Books, and library resources. We will learn how to use all the library resources to help with homework and other projects.

Thursdays



Cruise into Kindergarten: Do you have a young one who is in the age range of 3 years to 5 years (Preschoolers or just starting kindergarten)? Our Cruise into Kindergarten is the perfect program to prepare your child for school. This FREE program is offered on Thursdays at 10:30 AM in the Story Room and Craft Area. There will be sixteen themed Thursday morning programs that include activity cards with easy lessons that allow you and your child to "talk, sing, read, write, and play your way to learning." Our first class will begin on Thursday January 26th at 10:30 am and run until May 11th. ***Registration is required*** for this weekly event and one parent or guardian must attend with their child(ren). For additional info contact Val at iflkidsfun@gmail.com

We Be Book 'N Tween Book Club: The third Thursday of each month at 1 PM. in the Children's Department. (*Come into the Library for a book discussion and a Craft that goes with the book.)*



January 19th
Clarise the Brave by Lisa McMann (ages 8-12)

February 16th
The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. (as told to his brother) by David Levithan (ages 8-12).

March 16th
Kingston and the Magician's Lost and Found by Rucker Moses (ages 10-13).

April 20th
An Elephant in the Garden: Inspired by a True Story by Michael Morpurgo (ages 9+)

Minecraft Club: Our popular Minecraft Club is back! Feb 9th – April 27th from 4-5 pm. A collaborative club of creators... Minecraft Education Edition is a game-based learning platform used to promote skills such as community building, cooperation, & computational thinking. With added features that enhance the group playing experience, the Education Edition is packed with fun new possibilities to bring our Minecraft journey to life! IFL's Minecraft Club is a free program for kids ages 11-14. ***Registration is required and space is limited!***

Saturdays

Wee Ones Storytime: Kids from newborn to 3 years on Saturday's at 10:30 AM that include stories about county, state, and other types of fairs across the country and around the world! This Saturday storytime is perfect for working parents! We are so excited to be able to offer this brand-new program! See you there!!!

The Craft House: Stop in for our self-directed arts and crafts activity for kids aged 6-12. Just stop in and work on something fun with your friends! All materials will be provided for each week's activity. No registration is necessary and the program is free and open to the public.

Stem Play Day: Every 2nd 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 are welcome to participate.*



We Seek Dead People (A Genelogy Club)

Are you into virtual grave digging via Find a Grave? Have you stayed up way past your bedtime promising yourself just one more record to find yourself still awake hours later? This just may be the club for you. **Book us on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30** as we learn new tips, tricks, and resources helping us with our family history research. Each month will feature a new area of interest decided on by the club, sometimes focusing on a specific tool or database, DNA testing and analysis of the results, plus how to use them to their full advantage, and each session will allow for time for research help and assistance. Laptops are available, but you may also bring your own device. ***Registration will be required*** for seating purposes each month. Topics for each month will be provided in advance and on our website and social accounts. Our first meeting is Monday, January 30th, due to scheduling conflicts.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
WE MEET ON THE SECOND FLOOR IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE LIBRARY

Digital Skills Workshops

Classes will be held on the 1st Monday of each month at 2:00 pm

February 6th Getting to know the IFL Website
Join us as we explore the Indiana Free Library's website. Learn how to find information about all of the services and programs offered at the library.

March 6th Power Library
Do you know about all of the databases available to you with your library card? Join us as we discover the amazing wealth of resources in the Power Library.

April 3rd Learning Express
Need to brush up on a skill? Study for an exam? Learning Express has all of the resources you need. With comprehensive academic and career-related resources. Building basic skills, conducting a successful job search and preparing for high-stakes exams such as high school equivalency college admissions, and career licensing just got easier.

May 1st Cloud Library
Learn how to browse, borrow and read ebooks and audiobooks from Cloud Library in this fun and interactive session. Bring your smartphone or tablet and we will help you get started.

Registration is required as space is limited

LAMP
Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians

February 16th at 2PM LAMP will be visiting the library to discuss their FREE services. They feature materials for anyone with accessibility issues to make sure they always have something to read. Be on the lookout for more information and sign up sheets. We will also have a display of items that patrons can use from LAMP and did we mention, ***it's a totally free service to all Pennsylvanians*** no matter their age or situation. For more details you can visit: https://mylamp.org/

A TASTE OF HISTORY

JOIN US ON THE **THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**, THIS PROGRAM WILL EXPLORE HISTORY THROUGH FOOD. HAVE CHEESECAKES ALWAYS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH NEW YORK? WHAT FOODS WERE SERVED IN QUEEN ELIZABETH'S BANQUET TABLES? WHAT DO YOU MEAN CROISSANTS DON'T HAVE THEIR ORIGINS IN FRANCE? COME LEARN, AND TASTE, YOUR WAY THROUGH MOMENTS IN HISTORY, AND THE FOODS THAT HAVE SHAPED THE WAY WE EAT, COMPLETE WITH SAMPLES OF HISTORICAL FOODS. (WHILE THERE IS NO COST, REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED AND LIMITED FOR SPACE PURPOSES.)



The IFL 2023 Reading Challenge

IFL invites YOU to take part in our reading challenge and be rewarding for reading! Starting in January, patrons who participate will select a reading goal of 12 or 24 books, *(so one or two books a month)* selected from different set prompts to win!
There will also be two bonus prompts patrons can enter for an additional prize
At the end of the year, we'll select a winner from completed entries. Patrons must include the name and author of the book that fits their chosen prompts.
Look for information on our social media and website with links to books on our catalog that fit each category and check with the circulation desk for your entry form/checklist.

IFL BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

JOIN one of our FOUR popular book clubs

We are now meeting in the Reading Area on the Second Floor in the Library

Find more information on our website www.indianafreelibrary.org

IFL Classics Book Club

The Classics Book Club will meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. Email Elin at elinthelibrarian@gmail.com for more information.

January 26th
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

February 23rd
Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim

March 23rd
The Sheltering Sky by Paul Bowles

April 27th
Excellent Women by Barbara Pym

American History Book Club

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

January 24th
The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During World War II by Jan Jarboe Russell

February 28th
I Never Had It Made: An Autobiography of Jackie Robinson by Jackie Robinson

March 28th
On Desperate Ground: The Epic Story of Chosin Reservoir-the Greatest Battle of the Korean War by Hampton Sides

April 25th
The Thunder of Angels: The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the People Who Broke the Back of Jim Crow by Donnie Williams

True Story Book Club

The True Story Book Club will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11 AM. Email Elin at Elinthelibrarian@gmail.com for more information.

January 3rd
The Great Quake: How the Biggest Earthquake in North America Changed Our Understanding of the Planet by Henry Fountain

February 7th
A Most Beautiful Thing by Arshay Cooper

March 7th
The Venus Fixers: The Remarkable Story of the Allied Monuments Officers Who Saved Italy's Art During World War II by Ilaria Dagnini Brey

April 4th
After: A Doctor Explores What Near-Death Experiences Reveal about Life and Beyond by Bruce Greyson, MD

IFL Taster's Club

A new year of travel through cusine right here in Indiana, PA.

TASTER'S CLUB GOES INTERNATIONAL

We will meet every first Wednesday of the month at noon to share a cooking experience with other members.
This upcoming year will feature a new international cuisine each month. Sometimes even with demos! Our first meeting in January will be a planning session, there will be no featured cookbook, but it will give members, old and new, a chance to decide where we "travel".

Sci-fi Flick Night



Join us every 2nd Monday at 6:30 PM on the 2nd floor

Free and open to the public. refreshments will be served.



*Bring your quick wit and humor ages 18+

Schedule

January 9th - The Invisible Man
February 13th - The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms
March 13th - The Thing from Another World
April 10th - Them

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New Series

Conversations on the Visual Arts

A new series with Chuck Olsen: artist and former professor of the visual arts at Saint Francis University

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Monday Nights at 7 pm
January 23rd 2023 through March 13th 2023

January 23rd: THE NATURE OF ART
January 30th: WAYS OF SEEING
February 6th: VISUAL ART and WELL BEING
February 13th: ART and the HUMAN FIGURE part 1
February 20th: ART and the HUMAN FIGURE part 2
February 28th: ART and POWER
March 6th: ART and PROTEST
March 13th: ART and the EVOLVING LANDSCAPE

This art series is not to be considered as "complete" but, rather, a 60 minute moment to begin to consider new ideas or to reinforce old ones in a relaxed conversation.

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