

Indiana Free Library SHELF LIFE



Letter from the Director:

As disappointing as this year has been so far, we at the Indiana Free Library have found ways to continue good service to meet the needs of our community.

In addition to a Grab-N-Go service that gives access to all of the library materials to keep them in circulation, we also offer a "Computers by Appointment" program on Monday through Wednesday with assistance and printing.

Our NEW feature is an exterior hotspot at the front of the library building stretching to Eighth Street giving free WiFi in the whole area at the front of the courthouse, including some street parking! This was implemented by Kinber and ITDRC who also added a hotspot to the parking area of the CareerLink building. The hotspots are intended to extend the WiFi service of libraries when the libraries are closed.

We think these new additions will serve our community in even greater ways.

An extension of service has also been added for those beyond the library service area.

Normally library cards are offered free to residents within the library service area - which is the Indiana School District. The library receives support from the School District,

Indiana Borough and White Township while other municipalities have "opted-out" of the service area. But during COVID closures, digital cards were offered to all Indiana County residents to access digital materials such as the Power Library from the library website.

When the library reopened Memorial Day week, those with digital cards also wanted to check out books. August 6th the IFL Trustees voted to extend regular library cards to all Indiana County residents through the end of 2020.

These cards give access for a two-year period! As September is Library Card Month (little known facts), you will have the option to upgrade your paper card to a newly designed plastic swipe card with key fob, \$2. for green and \$5. for gold, to show your library pride.

All of this is great news for students starting the next school year and families who are still staying very much at home and need to find great free resources.

I want to call your attention to all of the digital offerings that are available from the library website and too many to mention here.

Please enjoy exploring www.indianafreelibrary.org! Our new website has many features to help you enjoy your library experience. In March when the world stopped for the virus,

many of our library programs found their way to online environments as did many of you.

Book Clubs are now meeting through a Zoom account. Please get a link and join in. The kids enjoyed a Summer Reading program and learned many things about story-telling with Tall Tales and explored the night sky and learned about the stars. Your questions may be answered by emailing reference@indianafreelibrary.org.

The fall offerings will be just as exciting. The adults can also look forward to a new series designed to bring out our local culture, in fact called the Points of Culture series.

Though many of our local events may seem underground or stopped by the virus, we will bring them out and call your attention to how these activities of art, music, film, story-telling, history, and many others are helping us through this time.

For those not joining in online, we will next be lending Chromebooks with mobile hotspots or tablets so anyone can get access to all of our great resources.

Be sure to always check for details and find out what is happening at the library by going to www.indianafreelibrary.org and get involved!

Stay Safe
-Kate Geiger

FREE Library Card for All

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indiana Free Library is offering cards to all residents of Indiana County to the end of the 2020 year.

This card normally bears a fee of \$25 per year for families beyond the Indiana School District, which is our normal service area. The **FREE** cards will be good for two-years! The last day to apply is December 31st 2020.

Please email reference@indianafreelibrary.org to inquire about the information needed to set up your account. This card will give **FREE** access to all of the library materials currently offered through a Grab-N-Go service and all of the digital materials available through the website at www.indianafreelibrary.org

Please take advantage of this **FREE** offer for the support your family needs and stay safe!



With facemasks being required in public spaces, why not have your mask support the Indiana Free Library!

There are a limited number of owl facemasks available as a fundraiser for Indiana Free Library! The owl is the logo for IFL. Don't like owls? There are many to choose from, including sports teams. Go Steelers! All masks have a wire nose bridge and are either three ply or have an opening for a filter.

Send an email request to Board member carole.t.bush@gmail.com if you are interested and make your selection.

Your support is needed by masking up to protect our community. Please consider making a donation! Donations can be made by check to Indiana Free Library, 845 Philadelphia St. Indiana PA 15701. Please note "Owl Mask Project" in the memo line of your check.



Building a library's collection is a job that is never finished. New books are published every day and a library's book budget only goes so far. The Library Wish List Program is an opportunity to support the library by adding specific, high-need items to the collection by donating an item found on the Wish List. The Wish Lists will be updated regularly, so please check back often!

If you would like to make a donation to the Indiana Free Library, simply purchase one of the approved listed books from your favorite book retailer. If you choose to use Amazon, consider using Amazon Smile, as a small portion of your purchase will be donated to the library. You may need to select Indiana Free Library as your non-profit on Amazon Smile.

The library would be glad to receive new or like-new hardback copies of any of these exciting new titles -- paperbacks just do not hold up well long term in a library situation.

Visit the Wish List on our website to find the list of books we would like. How To Help – Donate – Wish List

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www.powerlibrary.org



Free with your IFL card!!!



"Libraries are Where You Are"



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 September 14th, 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



NEW PROGRAM

Mythology and the Stars
for ages 6-12 posted on Facebook every Wednesday by 3 PM.

This involves studying astronomy and using a downloaded Star app on an internet or data capable device.

There will also be special events (Weather and Covid permitting), where we will meet to observe the stars.

These will be announced as we plan them out as will the times and places.



Join Lauri every Wednesday on Facebook



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

Bring a fun and interactive learning program to children ages three to six in your household. You can help get your preschoolers ready to succeed in kindergarten and beyond by delivering an educational program that introduces key concepts in math, science and social studies, language and literacy, art, and music. Miss Humblebee's Academy brings education and fun together while providing parents with the tools to measure a child's progress.



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



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- September 21st**
Black Wings Beating by Alex John London
- October 19th**
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- November 16th**
Let's Go Swimming on Doomsday by Natalie Anderson
- December 21st**
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon

- September 22nd**
Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women who Fought for the Right to Vote by Susan Ware
- October 27th**
Passing Time: Memoir of a Vietnam Veteran Against the War by W.D.Eherhart
- November 24th**
Every Knee Shall Bow: The Truth and Tragedy of Ruby Ridge and the Randy Weaver Family by Jess Walter
- December 22nd**
1 Dead in Attic: After Katrina by Chris Rose



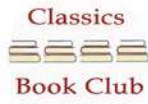
We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Email Val at iflkidsfun@gmail.com to be added to the zoom invite list.



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

- September 1st**
Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony by Geoffrey Ward and Ken Burns
- October 6th**
Empty Without You: The Intimate Letters of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hichok by Rodger Streitmatter and Eleanor Roosevelt
- November 3rd**
On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft by Stephen King
- December 1st**
American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment by Shane Bauer

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 at 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.

Try Miss Humblebee's Academy FREE with your Library Card!



Find all our storytimes, crafters and digital offerings on our website www.indianafreelibrary.org under the tab: WHAT WE DO - ONLINE PROGRAMS

{ 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 }



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October 30th

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- Maintain our current level of professional assistance and hours of operation.



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www.indianafreelibrary.org

All donations are tax deductible.

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- The Mary E. Ahern Club: \$150-\$300 (1-hour Library Sponsorship)
- The Dewey Book Group: \$301-\$499 (2-hour Library Sponsorship & name on donor wall)
- The Franklin Library Company: \$500-\$999 (Half-day Sponsorship & name on donor wall)
- The Carnegie Society: \$1,000+ (Full-day sponsorship for every \$1,000 & name on donor wall)
- The Alexandria Society: \$5,000+ (Full-week sponsorship & name on permanent plaque)

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