

# Letter from the Director

## Adventure Awaits This Summer at Your Library!

Summer has arrived, and we are ready to help you **“Unearth a Story!”** Our calendar is packed with events designed to entertain, educate, and bring Indiana County together.

We start the month by prioritizing our community’s well-being with **Summer Safety Workshops (June 2–4)**, followed by our massive **Summer Reading Kick-Off on June 8th at Blue Spruce Park**. It’s going to be an unforgettable day of food and festivities!

Whether you are looking for engaging weekly programs for your children or a new hobby for yourself, we have you covered:

- **For Kids & Teens:** Explore our full schedule of weekly adventures on page 2.
- **For Adults:** Dive into our book clubs, get creative with our crafting groups, or sample the world through **Taster’s Club** and **History Bites**.
- **Stay Informed:** Join us and **First Commonwealth Bank** for our “Scam Safe Summer” programs to sharpen your online and in-person safety skills.

This is also a historic season as we mark **America’s 250th Birthday**. Look for the library team in the **America250PA Indiana County Community Parade** and join us for special commemorative events.

The library is your space to grow—see you there! *-Lauri Fletcher*

The Indiana Free Library held its Annual Recognition Ceremony, recognizing individuals whose dedication, generosity, and support strengthen the library’s mission.

“As we kick off National Library Week, we’re proud to honor those who help make the library a true community cornerstone,” said Director Lauri Fletcher.

We extend our sincere thanks to all recipients and volunteers who help keep the library a welcoming place for learning, literacy, and connection in our community.



**Congratulations to our 2026 IFL Award Recipients**

**Amicus Libri**  
Sara Steelman

**Ex Libris**  
Pauline Simms

**Outstanding Service**  
Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Indiana County

**Certificate of Appreciation**  
The Book Nook  
Janet Buggy  
Brian Ford  
Kathleen “Nikki” Gardner

**Former Trustee Recognition**  
Carole Bush

For more information about the library’s programs or to learn how you can get involved, please contact (724) 465-8841 - visit [www.indianafreelibrary.org](http://www.indianafreelibrary.org) or scan the QR Code



**The Little Read Bookstore is open every Monday from 11 AM - 6 PM, 1st Wednesday of the month 11 AM - 6 PM & the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11 AM - 3 PM.**

# IFI *summer* Kids, Teens & T'weens

## Mondays

**Storytime with the Brontosaurus:** 11 AM Children's Department. Children ages 3-5. Themed Story, songs, fingerplays and an easy craft. Dig in our prehistoric sandbox. Registration is required. Limited to twenty children. One caregiver must remain with their children.

## Tuesdays

**Stegosaurus Storytime:** 11 AM Mack Park Community Garden. Children ages birth to 2 years old. Bring a blanket or chair. Stories and outdoor activities. In case of bad weather, we will move to the library.

## Wednesdays

**Marvelous Mosasaurs:** 11 AM Community Room. Children ages 6-11. Themed story, virtual visit to a National Park or historical site, theme-related activities or a craft. Dig time in our prehistoric sandbox. Registration is required. Limited to 15 children. One caregiver must remain with their children.

## Thursdays

**T-Rex STEAMers:** 11 AM Tech Room. Children ages 8-11. All STEAM-related activities—are you up for the challenge? Dig time in our prehistoric sandbox. Registration is required. Limited to 10 children. One caregiver must remain with their children.

## Saturdays

**Wee Ones Storytime:** 10:30 AM (Newborn-5 years) Gentle stories and bonding time.

**STEAM Play Day:** 1-3 PM (2nd Saturday) Drop-in activities for kids ages 3-11.

**The Craft House:** 1-3 PM (3rd Saturdays) Self-directed crafts ages 6-11 old.

**Historical Conquest Game Time:** 10:15-12:30 PM (2nd Saturday) Tweens & Teens. Learn history through gameplay.

**Game On! Board Game Day:** 1-3 PM (4th Saturday) Open board gaming. Ages 3-11.

## Summer Safety Workshops

**June 2-4:** Children ages 3-6 years old. 11 AM. Short Story, easy craft or related activity snacks and refreshments. A special guest will present a summer safety topic. **June 2** - Water Safety. **June 3** - Vehicle & Bike Safety. **June 4** - Outdoor Safety. Registration is required.



## Family Place Library Workshops

**August & September.** 10:30-noon. Children ages 1-3. Workshops will provide stories, handouts & hands-on learning experiences. Parents & children will work through these activities together. **August 4** - Early Literacy **August 11** - Language Development & Exploration. **August 18** - Child Development & Motor Skills. **August 25** - Food & Nutrition (Snack Craft Day) **September 1** - Music & Movement. Registration is required.

## Teen & YA Events

**Chess Club:** 3rd Saturday of each month w/Jan. 10-11:30 AM. All ages!

**Taco Tuesday:** 3rd Tuesday of each month. 4 PM. Meet in the teen lounge for tacos and card games. 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15

**Teens Make Stuff:** 2:30 PM. **June 9** - Make your own ice cream.

**July 7** - Totally nostalgic '90s beaded keychains. Let's get creative!

**Teen Crafter-noon:** 2:30 PM. **June 25** - Patriotic Lanterns.

**July 23** - Dino-Trinket Dish

**Teen Drop-In:** 4 PM. 6/10, 7/8, 9/12. Teen Lounge. You choose the activity.

**Teen Movie Afternoon:** 2 PM. June 11, July 12 and 16, August 13 and 20.

**Teen Summer Book Club:** 7 PM. **June 22** - Divergent by Veronica Roth.

**July 27** - The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. Discover great reads and connect with friends all summer long.

**Teen Trivia Night:** 7PM. **June 29.** Put your knowledge to the test! Bring your friends and get ready for a fun, fast-paced challenge. Think. Compete. Win.

 More Info Scan Here



# IFL ADULT PROGRAMS

**Board Game Night:** 4th Wednesday of the month. 6 PM. 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23

**Spin a Yarn:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM.  
June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22

**IFL Walking Club:** Select Mondays at 4 PM - check calendar (weather permitting)



**Dungeons & Dragons Meet-Up:** Every Monday: 6-8 PM in the community room.  
Join an ongoing tabletop adventure of heroes, monsters, and imagination.

**Crafternoons:** 2:30 PM. Get creative, get messy, and make something amazing this summer!  
**June 10**-Patriotic Windsock: Stars, Stripes & Summer Vibes! **July 8**-Squeegee Painting: Swipe, Scrape, Create! **August 12**-Sugar Scrubs: Sweet Self-Care!

**Let's Learn Lab:** The lab is open for a second season! 10:30 AM. Registration is requested. Limited devices are available—you are welcome to bring your own.

**June 8:** Google Calendar. Stay on Track with Google Calendar!  
**July 13:** Browsing Basics. Tame Your Tabs!  
**August 10:** Computer Speak. Click with Confidence!



**Digging into History w/Dr. Ben Ford:** June 1, 7 PM. Explore the fascinating world of archaeology—where artifacts, landscapes, and excavation uncover the stories beneath our feet. Open to all ages!

**Trope of the Month Book Club:** A romance book club... with a twist. Each month, on the third Wednesday at 7 PM, the group will explore one beloved romance trope. Participants choose their own romance novel that fits the theme.

## IFL BOOK CLUBS



Scan here for more book club information



**The True Story Book Club: First Tuesday of each month @ 11 AM**

**June 2**  
Donora Death Fog: Clean Air and the Tragedy of a Pennsylvania Mill Town by Andy McPhee

**July 7**  
Brave Hearted: The Women of the American West by Katie Hickman

**August 4**  
The Sing Sing Files: One Journalist, Six Innocent Men, and a Twenty-Year Fight for Justice by Dan Slepian

**September 1**  
The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss



**Guilty Pleasures Book Club: Second Wednesday of each month @ 7 PM**

**June 10**  
Hana Khan Carries On by Uzma Jalaluddin

**July 8**  
Fable for the End of the World by Ava Reid

**August 12**  
And They Were Roommates by Page Powers

**September 9**  
The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas



**The American History Book Club Celebrating Our Nation's Birth: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 AM**

**June 23**  
Declaration: The Nine Tumultuous Weeks When America Became Independent, May 1 - July 4, 1776 by William Hogeland

**July 28**  
American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence by Pauline Maier

**August 25**  
Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence by Denise Kiernan and Joseph D'Agnese

**September 24**  
Nathan Hale: The Life and Death of America's First Spy by Williams Phelps



**The Classics Book Club: Fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM**

**June 25**  
Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym

**July 23**  
Play It as It Lays by Joan Didion

**August 27**  
The House of Mirth By Edith Wharton

**September 24**  
Christ in Concrete by Pietro di Donato

IFL Taster's Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at Noon - stop in to get your recipes





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# SUMMER dates to REMEMBER



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**SUPPORT**

**Upcoming Fundraisers**

- The Meadows Frozen Custard of Indiana**  
June 4th 4-6PM
- Evening in the Stacks**  
October 23rd  
5PM-7PM

**Unearth a Story Summer Reading Kick-Off:** June 8. Blue Spruce Park Pavilion #3. 11 AM-2 PM. Learn about upcoming summer reading programs. Join us for games, activities, hot dogs, chips, and refreshments.

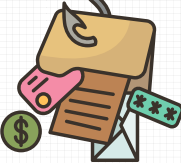
**Unearth a Story Summer Reading Wrap-Up:** July 30. Getty Heights Park. 11 AM-2 PM. Stop by and hang out one last time this summer for games, activities, cake, ice cream and refreshments.

**Unearth a Story Reading Challenge:** June 1-July 31. Register your reader, log your minutes, and read to win prizes!

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:** Thursday, June 18 & Saturday, July 4



**YOU'RE INVITE TO TO HAVE A  
SCAM SMART  
SUMMER  
10:30 AM**



Three Thursday sessions, featuring experts from our neighbors at First Commonwealth Bank, we'll explore:

*Kindly deliver to:*

**Session One:**

- Click with Confidence
  - June 11

**Session Two:**

- Spot the Scam
  - July 9

**Session Three:**

- Privacy Protection
  - August 13

## Friends of the Library Corner

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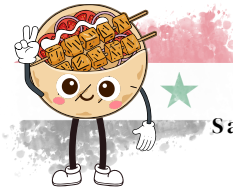
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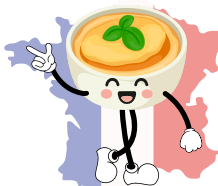
# History bites

May 19:  
Sweet, Sour, Salty, Spicy:  
Thai Food History



June 16:  
Saffron, Sumac & Shared  
Tables: A History of  
Levantine Cuisine

July 21:  
On the French Frontier:  
Food and Life in Early  
Pennsylvania



August 18:  
Many Italies, One Table:  
The Story of Italian Food