CELEBRATE THE “YOU” IN TIPPECANOE

STORYCORPS BEGINS DOWNTOWN!
Record memories of family, community, and state history.
Interview a favorite teacher, coach, or grandparent.
An interviewer and speaker are needed for each 40-minute session. Register at any TCPL library or call (765) 429-0113.

National Day Of Listening
Friday, November 27
#TheGreatListen 2015
A free mobile app uploads your interview to the StoryCorps archive, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress. Visit StoryCorps.me.

Local Volunteers Needed
Help Make Recording History!
If helping people prepare and record their memories appeals to you, applications are being accepted now. Participants engage in special StoryCorps trainings before opening day. Call (765) 429-0113 today.

Author Jerry Pallotta
Thursday, November 5
7:00 p.m., Downtown
Book Sale & Signing
If a polar bear tackled a grizzly bear, who would win? Meet the author of the thought-provoking Who Would Win? series. Ask about his bestselling ABC, 123, and Icky Bug picture books. With nearly 60 best-sellers, Pallotta makes facts fun for readers of all ages!

A Reindeer Herder
And Silly Safari Funologist
Monday, December 28
3:00 p.m., Downtown
Meet Candycane Chris. Learn about herding reindeer in the Arctic frontier! If you enjoy illustrator Jan Brett’s books about Norway, join us in exploring the Sami people of Lapland.

SAVE THE DATE
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration
Monday, January 18
11:00 a.m., Downtown
KIDS FAVORITES: FUN & FESTIVE

Crafternoon @ TCPL
Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
November 4: Tape It Up!
November 11: Kaleidoscopes
November 18: Holiday Workshop
Downtown, Grades 1-5
Come and see what you can make with a few materials and lots of imagination. Drop in. Get creative. Surprise yourself!

Author Jerry Pallotta
Thursday, November 5
7:00 p.m., Downtown
Book Sale & Signing

Author Spotlight Storytimes – Downtown
Enjoy favorite authors’ stories and a take home craft.

Bob Shea
Tuesday, November 10, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, November 20, 4:30 p.m.
Explore Cheetah Can’t Lose, Unicorn Thinks He’s Pretty Great, and more!

Karma Wilson
Thursday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8, 4:30 p.m.
Love Bear Snores On, Frog in a Bog, or Animal Strike at the Zoo: It’s true! Join us!

Mini Makers
Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
November 19: Under The Sea
December 17: Decorate Ornaments
Downtown, Children & Caregivers
Make something with your child. Craft tools, supplies, and project ideas provided. Toys are available for the young & restless.

Family Fun Night: Game On!
Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m., Campus
Enhance math, communication, and sportsmanship skills with board games. Enjoy quality “unplugged time” for families of all ages.

Harrison Boiler Robotics Day
Saturday, November 21
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Downtown, Ages 5 & Up

School Age Stories: Native Americans
Monday, November 23, 4:45 p.m., Campus, Ages 7-11
Explore Native American traditions. Enjoy stories and activities. Register at (765) 269-5380.

Shake, Rattle & Read
Wednesday, December 16, 11:00 a.m., Klondike
Enjoy musical stories, dance, and play with TCPL instruments.

Jingle Jams
Tuesday, December 22, 3:00 p.m., Campus
Don your gay apparel. Spin like dreidels. Sing, dance, and enjoy favorite seasonal songs. Drop in or stay the whole time. All ages.

A Reindeer Herder & Silly Safari Funologist
Monday, December 28, 3:00 p.m., Downtown

Happy Noon Year
Wednesday, December 30
11:30 a.m., Downtown
Celebrate without staying up late! Count down to noon. Join in a carefree, noisy New Year’s celebration that’s 36 hours early. Make a confetti blizzard for dancing.
November

Downtown
Lapsit, Newborn - 24 Months
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:30 a.m.

Toddler Time, 2 - 3 ½ Years
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, 3 ½ - 6 Years
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.

Evening Nursery Rhyme Time, Newborn - 3 Years
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sensory Storytime, 3 - 7 Years With Grownup
Thursdays @ 2:00 p.m., November 12 & December 10

Stories Under The Sculpture, All Ages
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Campus
Family Storytime, All Ages
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Klondike
Family Storytime, All Ages
Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

December

Stories Under The Sculpture
All Ages, Downtown
Wednesdays or Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Picture Book Picnics
Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15
11:45 a.m., All Ages, Campus

Film: Teen Anime Night
Tuesday, November 10
6:30 p.m., Klondike
Watch and discuss a feature-length movie based on a best-loved Japanese anime series. When a god of destruction targets Earth can the hero defeat him and save our planet?

Teen Board Games
Thursday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 19, 2:00 p.m.
Downtown
Bring your favorite board or card game. Face off against other teens. Discover new and interesting games at each session.

Movie Marathon:
John Green Novels
Saturday, November 14
1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Downtown
Starting at 1:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., enjoy one or both shows based on Green’s bestselling novels, The Fault in Our Stars and Paper Towns.

Fandom Frenzy
Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.
November 19 & December 17
Downtown
Gather and discuss your favorite fandoms, OTPs (one true pairings), ships, fan art, and fanfiction. All fandoms are welcome.
November
1 National Novel Writing Month Begins!
2 “Who Is A Hoosier?” Indiana Historical Society Special Exhibit
   Board of Trustees, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
3 Tax Amnesty Seminar, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
   Open Election Day
4 Crafternoon, Downtown, 3:30 p.m.
5 Author Jerry Pallotta, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
9 Fireside Book Group, Klondike, 2:00 p.m.
10 Author Spotlight: Bob Shea, Downtown, 4:30 p.m.
   Adult Coloring Program, 1120 Ivy Hall, 6:30 p.m.
   Film: Teen Anime Night, Klondike, 6:30 p.m.
11 Crafternoon, Downtown, 3:30 p.m.
12 Sensory Storytime, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
   Teen Board Games, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
14 Movie Marathon: John Green Novels, Downtown, 1:00 & 3:15 p.m.
18 Murder By The Book, 1112 Ivy Hall, 10:00 a.m.
19 Eclectic Book Group, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
   Mini Makers, Downtown, 1:00 p.m.
   Fandom Frenzy, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
   Family Fun Night, Campus, 6:30 p.m.
20 Author Spotlight: Bob Shea, Downtown, 4:30 p.m.
21 Harrison Boiler Robotics Day, Downtown, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
23 School Age Stories, Campus, 4:45 p.m.
26 Closed Thanksgiving Day
27 StoryCorps Begins, Downtown
   National Day Of Listening, Downtown, All Day

December
1 Picture Book Picnic, Campus, 11:45 a.m.
   Board of Trustees, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
2 Pinterest: Pin The Holidays, Campus, 6:30 p.m.
3 Author Spotlight: Karma Wilson, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
6 Mobile Library @ Christmas Parade, 2:00 p.m.
8 Picture Book Picnic, Campus, 11:45 a.m.
   Author Spotlight: Karma Wilson, Downtown, 4:30 p.m.
10 Sensory Storytime, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
   Teen Board Games, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
   Film: The First Silent Night, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
14 Fireside Book Group, Klondike, 2:00 p.m.
15 Picture Book Picnic, Campus, 11:45 a.m.
16 Shake, Rattle & Read, Klondike, 11:00 a.m.
17 Mini Makers, Downtown, 1:00 p.m.
   Fandom Frenzy, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
19 Teen Board Games, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
22 Jingle Jams, Campus, 3:00 p.m.
24 Closed Christmas Eve
25 Closed Christmas Day
28 Silly Safaris: Sami Reindeer Herder, Downtown, 3:00 p.m.
29 Sidewalk Science: Purdue Physics Carnival, Downtown, 10:30 a.m.
30 Happy Noon Year, Downtown, 11:30 a.m.
31 Closed New Year’s Eve

January - Sneak Peek
1 Closed New Year’s Day
5 Winter Weekday Storytimes Start!

All programs are open to the public. Some events require advance registration and tickets.
For more information, call 429-0100 or go to www.tcpl.lib.in.us.
Often social interactions away from the library cause me to contemplate the future of public libraries. Several questions come to mind. “What value can be placed on the role of public libraries within a community? Is there a well-substantiated dollar figure representing what the library is really worth? Or even how the library improves the quality of life for individuals?” Finalizing the 2016 operations budget may be why these questions are on my mind. But I am not alone in these thoughts.

In the March 2015 edition of *The Rotarian*, Joe Queenan said, “The public library is an indispensable institution that somehow manages to get taken completely for granted.”

I absolutely do not believe our community takes the Tippecanoe County Public Library (TCPL) for granted. In discussions about our community’s future and local media reports, the library is positively seen as a core contributor to the quality of life for local residents and businesses. However, I do believe we are sometimes underestimated as an economic factor in the community.

Ideally, the library is an indispensable institution. Its resources are carefully selected and acquired for the use and benefit of all. It is a place where the free exchange of ideas is encouraged, recreational viewing and listening is entertaining, and factual information abounds. Given the democratic society in which we live, the library has the leading role in providing mostly free services, programs, meeting spaces, and library materials. Add technological resources, and the library offers something for just about everyone.

The Queenan article goes on to call the public library, “…the most valuable institution a society could possibly have.”

Part of my job is to know what this public library spends. We know the cost of TCPL services, programs, materials, and technologies. Can we unequivocally place a specific dollar value on every single thing the library does? Realistically, I don’t think so.

Placing a value on the benefits and gains of our customers and the community as a whole is something completely different. Determining this value is a gigantic task. Public libraries preserve public records, but the positive impact of libraries on individuals is not found in public records. Only by inviting and engaging customers in conversation will we gain that knowledge.

At TCPL’s 2015 staff development training, I said it is up to us to help determine our future relevance and value for our community. We need to understand and fulfill the changing needs of our customers.

We at TCPL will continue examining what we do and how we do it. We hope to gain increased insight into both library users and non-users. We need to know why we do what we do, also how and when people benefit. Knowing the role the library plays in the whole of this community is an absolute prerequisite to our continued existence.

When someone asks me “What is the future of public libraries?” I generally say, “The future is bright and stable for public libraries in Indiana. We are not going anywhere and will still be around 15-20 years from now.”

The next time I get the chance to talk with people about the library, I hope we have time to discuss what value they place on the library’s role in the community. Those are essential opportunities for the good of all.

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**TCPL Mobile Library**

**Mobile Schedules**
**In Libraries & Online**

For the closest stop in your area, pick up a schedule at any TCPL library; call 429-0169; or go to www.tcpl.lib.in.us/mobile-library

2015 Christmas Parade
“Winter Candyland”
Sunday, December 6
2:00 p.m., Main Street
What an amazing time in the history of our community, county, and your library! At the same time, industries and businesses worldwide are deciding to make today's county their new home, the East Branch building now rises on the horizon. The cozy, 14,000-square-feet building at county roads 50 South and 550 East, is just beyond I-65 and McCarty Lane. As construction workers hurry to beat winter weather, our annual fund-raising letter is on its way to you.

This year's letter includes photos and information about much-needed furniture and technologies. A well-equipped youth area for preschool-to-grade-12 is essential. Plans for the first public-meeting space in the eastern part of our county include a multimedia projector and adaptable tables/chairs for as many as 100 people.

If you have any questions, contact Assistant County Librarian Amy Paget at (765) 429-0101 or amypaget@tcpl.lib.in.us. For late-breaking news and information, join us at www.tcpl.lib.in.us, and on Facebook and Twitter.

**FAMILY MEMORY CENTER BRANCHES OUT**

Original artwork now decorates the wall and door. The furniture is in place, and new equipment is up and running. Stop by soon and see this new, 300 square-foot center for researching, preserving, and recording family histories.

The Family Memory Center is a 50th anniversary gift from the Friends of TCPL. Resources include microfilm copies of the *Journal & Courier* (as early as the 1840s) and U.S. Census records. Check out a variety of library databases.

The center includes a photo scanner, a new printer, a VHS-to-DVD recorder, digital and standard microfilm readers, three PC workstations, and a large sorting table. Archival-quality (acid free) photo paper is available for printing/copying at $1 per page.

**FRIENDS HOLIDAY SALE**

Browse thousands of gift-quality fiction and nonfiction for all ages, plus cook books, craft, sewing, and art books. This sale also features holiday items and collectibles, in addition to movies, music, puzzles, and games.

**Friday, December 4**
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Members only night.

**Saturday, December 5**
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 6**
1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
All items half price.

**Monday, December 7**
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$3 a bag. Bags provided.
2015 Tax Amnesty Seminar
Indiana Department of Revenue
Tuesday, November 3
7:00 p.m., Downtown
Dale Chattin from the Indiana Department of Revenue explains how you can set up payment plans and perhaps avoid penalties and fees.

Stress Relief: Coloring For Adults
Tuesday, November 10
6:00 p.m., 1120 Ivy Hall
De-stress. Release your inner artist. Join us for an hour of hands-on coloring and soothing music. Use TCPL-provided coloring sheets and supplies or bring your own.

Pinterest: Pin The Holidays
Wednesday, December 2
6:30 p.m., Campus
TCPL Librarian Leanne York leads you on an exploration of this very popular social networking site. Discover great holiday project ideas and new ways to celebrate winter. To register, call (765) 269-5380.

Film: The First Silent Night
Thursday, December 10
7:00 p.m., Downtown
"Silent Night" (German: Stille Nacht) was composed in 1818. Join a renowned English actor on a journey to Austria where we meet the two impoverished children, Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber, who created this beloved carol.

One-On-One Tutorials – Two Locations!
November & December
Sign up for a 60-minute staff-guided tutorial. Learn to use a mouse and keyboard. Learn more about a tablet or e-reader. Register at any TCPL library or call the number below:
Campus: Tuesdays or Thursdays @ 2:00 p.m., (765) 269-5380
Downtown: Mondays, 3:00 p.m. or Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., (765) 429-0113

BOOK GROUPS

Downtown Library
Eclectic Book Group
Meets Third Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
November 19: Lowland, Jhumpa Lahiri
December break. See you January 21.

Campus Library
Murder By The Book
Meets Fourth Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
Special Meeting
November 18: Harry Hole series, Jo Nesbo
December break. See you January 27.

Klondike Library
Fireside Book Group
Meets Second Mondays, 2:00 p.m.
All ages are welcome.
November 9: Yes Please, Amy Poehler
December 14: A New York Christmas, Anne Perry
StoryCorps Comes To TCPL

Beginning Thanksgiving week and continuing through spring 2016, you are invited to join us in preserving personal and local history. "StoryCorps @ Your Library" is a project of the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and StoryCorps, with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

This TCPL activity is made possible by a generous gift from the Friends of Tippecanoe County Public Library. The Journal & Courier also will participate in this project.

One of the largest oral history projects of its kind, StoryCorps was created in 2003 by Dave Isay. Participants’ stories have been featured on National Public Radio’s Morning Edition and may be found online at storycorps.org.

During 2016, TCPL interviews also will be an important contribution to Indiana Bicentennial Commemorations, but we need your help to succeed! Volunteers are needed to assist, facilitate, and record each session. To find out more or to sign up, call (765) 429-0113.