Youth Author
Ryan T. Higgins
Thurs., November 7
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.
Once just a regular kid who liked to draw and write, after years of hard work, Higgins is now just a big kid who gets to draw and write. This E.B. White Award and Ezra Jack Keats Honor winner works in a cabin tucked in the Maine woods. Join us as he shares his journey.

Meet A Sami Reindeer Herder
Sat., December 28 | Downtown | 3 p.m.
Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime meeting with a herder. See what the Sami wear. Learn about their culture in Lapland and Norway. People of all ages are invited to explore the myths, legends, and lore of this northernmost culture.

A Celtic Midwinter Celebration
Concert: Traveler’s Dream
Wed., December 4
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy Celtic carols, lively jigs, and country reels. Hear an Irish flute, concertina, and tin whistle. Michael Lewis and Denise Wilson explain how songs from Ireland, Wales, England, and Brittany relate to ancient traditions and holiday customs. Prepare for familiar favorites, uncommon musical gems, and messages of hope, good cheer, and the beauty of winter. It’s a joyful gathering for families and friends!

Emily Wilson Live!
Fri., December 6 | 7:30-9 p.m.
Fowler Hall, Stewart Center
128 Memorial Mall | West Lafayette
Parking? Visit purdue.edu/parking/

The Odyssey — Homer,
Translated By Emily Wilson

Photo by Kyle Cassidy
**Family Game Time**  
Thurs., November 7  
Klondike | 4-5 p.m.  
Celebrate International Games Week! Play our games, for example Connect 4, Forbidden Island, Nintendo Switch, and 1-2 Switch! Or bring your own games to play.

**Family Engineering Day**  
Sat., November 9 | Downtown  
Drop-In Exhibits | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Select A Session | 11 a.m. or 12 p.m.  
Join us for an open house with Purdue University’s Women in Engineering. Drop in for interactive exhibits, or sign up for one of two sessions. Tackle challenges from the Imagination, Innovation, Discovery, and Design (I2D2) program.

**Lunch & Movie**  
Klondike | Saturdays | 12 p.m.  
Bring lunch or snacks. Enjoy family-friendly movies.

**November 16 | Rio**  
Blu, a macaw parrot from small-town Minnesota, meets the fiercely independent Jewel. He takes off for Rio de Janeiro with the bird of his dreams (2011, 1 hr, 36 min).

**December 14 | Jingle All The Way**  
A workaholic father promises his son a Turbo Man action figure. Stores are sold out. He scours the town, competes ruthlessly, and challenges the spirit of the season (1996, 1 hr, 29 min).

**Family Fun Night: Game On!**  
Tues, November 19  
Wyandotte | 6:30 p.m.  
Join us for an evening of board games. Families of all ages enjoy quality “unplugged time.”

**Puppet Storytime**  
Wed., November 20  
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.  
Puppets help tell the stories with rhymes, songs, and more for all ages.

**LEGO® STEAM Drop-In**  
Thursdays  
November 21 | December 19  
Klondike | 4:30-6 p.m.  
Drop in after school. Use your imagination or one of our design sheets. It’s fun for ages 3-6 with an adult. Kids up to 12 years old may build on their own.

**Bingo Bash**  
Downtown | 2 p.m.  
Fridays  
November 29 | December 27  
Join us for Bingo with prizes for the winners. Enjoy numbers fun for ages 5 & up.

**Totally Untidy Toddlers**  
Thurs., December 5  
Downtown | 10:30 a.m.  
Experience messy, mushy, and squishy sensory play! Please wear old clothes you won’t mind getting messy. Prepare for ooey-gooey, family fun!

**Fireside Tales**  
Fri., December 6, 13 & 20  
Wyandotte | 11 a.m.  
Bring a blanket, snuggle up, and listen to stories by the fireplace. All ages.

**Holiday Special Storytime**  
Sat., December 21  
Downtown | 2 p.m.  
Kids of all ages get into the holiday spirit with stories and crafts.

**Happy Noon Year!**  
Mon., December 30  
Downtown | 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Celebrate without staying up late! Count down to noon. This carefree, noisy New Year’s celebration is 36 hours early. Dance in a confetti blizzard!
**November**

Fall weekday storytimes end Wednesday, Nov. 27

**Downtown**

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

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

- **Preschool Storytime**
  - 3-6 Years
  - Tuesdays, Wednesdays
  - 11 a.m.

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

**Stories Under The Sculpture**

- All Ages
- Saturdays | November 2-30
- 10:30 a.m.
- Enjoy new stories, old favorites, and the Heartland Odyssey sculpture.

**Klondike & Wyandotte**

- **Family Storytime**
  - All Ages
  - Mondays | November 4-25
  - Klondike | 6 p.m.
  - Wednesdays | November 6-20
  - Klondike | 11:15 a.m.
  - Fridays | November 1-22
  - Wyandotte | 11 a.m.
  - Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun.

**Chinese-English Family Storytime**

- Wednesday, November 27
- Klondike | 11:15 a.m.
- Hear stories in both languages. Meet a special guest reader, Dr. Yating Heller.

**Game Nights**

- Klondike | 5:30-7 p.m.
- Tuesday is Teens’ Night! Questions? Call 463-5893.

**Open Play**

- Tuesdays | November 5 | December 3
- Drop in for multi-player fun. Play favorite video games on big screens. Invite a partner for a board game challenge. Games, controllers, and consoles provided!

**Tabletop Roleplay**

- Tuesdays | November 12 | December 10

**December**

Winter Weekday Storytimes resume Tuesday, January 7.

**Downtown**

- **Stories Under The Sculpture**
  - All Ages
  - Wednesdays | December 4-18
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Saturdays | December 7-28
  - 10:30 a.m.
  - Enjoy fun and festive stories under the Heartland Odyssey sculpture.

**Teen Crafternoon**

- Sat., November 9 | Klondike | 2 p.m.
- Explore and create with duct tape, perler beads, bracelet making and more!

**Transform T-Shirts or Tote Bags**

- Sat., November 16 | Downtown | 2 p.m.
- Decorate a tote bag or t-shirt with paint or markers.

**Smash Bros. Ultimate 4-Way Tourney**

- Teens: Fri., December 27 | Downtown 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Ages 13 & Up
- Show your skills. Compete in 4-player matches. Controllers provided. Enjoy fun activities between matches. Register online or call 463-5893.
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Director’s Notes

“We do not remember days, we remember moments.” This Cesare Pavese quote captures those unique times when something important and impactful occurs in our lives. These memories provide the framework for who we are. They also shape and influence us.

In my recent column, I referenced distinctive memories about our physical library buildings and the 30th anniversary of providing service in the Downtown Library. With recent retirements and 2019 ending, my mind wandered from inanimate buildings to all the individuals associated with TCPL over the years.

My mind was not focused on names and experiences. Instead, I thought of the many people — Board members, staff, and volunteers who have contributed to the success of this institution. Some recent retirements and discussions with those retirees stimulated these thoughts. So far, we have had three staff retirements in 2019. Each had their own reasons to follow a different path, pursue another course. They worked, endured, and patiently waited until finally their “ship had come in.” Congratulations to each of them!!

There are many people who are forever connected to our library system. Their proficiently honed skills, individual ideas, weekly energy, and most of all, their long-term commitment to TCPL will be remembered and appreciated. Two people said coming to their space at work was such a part of their routine in life, it will be very challenging to no longer do so.

I think this shows a deep affinity for the library and their colleagues. For me this is very meaningful and honorable. To work here for a decade-plus translates to the library being an integral part of their lives. There are volunteers and Board members who have made the same decades-plus commitment. I am glad and proud these people and others before them made that connection to this library. What’s more, I am proud they made the commitment to serve our community of readers and users. In today’s increasingly mobile society, this type of commitment may become rare.

Ironically, two of these retirees asked me about my retirement plans. I said my wife and I have talked about it, but we do not really know when it might come. The idea that I could be blessed to retire from TCPL pushes me a bit more to consider what we could accomplish in the present and short-term future at the library.

I am anxious to provide the proper vision and best direction for the next few years. There are still so many things the library and community can and will do. Meanwhile, I welcome these moments to remember and celebrate our library’s history. As my affinity for the institution strengthens, I also hope the time you dedicate to library resources, programs, and services will increase your affinity for TCPL. From that first 1880’s library to today, we exist because of you.

Jos N. Homan
“We grew up poor, but not impoverished,” said New York writer Pete Hamill. Why the difference? “The library ... it gave me a sense that there was a world beyond the limits of where I lived here in Brooklyn.”

CBS Sunday Morning, 10/06/19

With texting and instant messaging, it might seem novel to receive a personal letter from your library. But this once-a-year letter gives you the opportunity to benefit local families for a lifetime.

Every year, a percentage of each tax dollar is designated for library operating expenses. Your gifts, however, help us create the magic.

Your 2012 gifts helped us complete The Portal technology center. 2015 donations helped equip The Family Memory Center. Two generous 2016 gifts were used for a Digital Arts Suite at the Wyandotte Branch.

This year, gifts are needed for the South Branch. Building and construction funds are covered, but there are still finishes, fixtures, and essential furniture to purchase.

As you discuss your year-end financial plans, remember gifts to the TCPL Foundation likely offer tax benefits. To donate online, go to https://tcpl.lib.in.us/support-2/gift/

Questions?
Visit tcpl.lib.in.us/support-2/ or call County Librarian Jos N. Holman at (765) 429-0118.

South Branch, 4200 S. 18th Street | CR 430 E | Lafayette
The roof’s on, windows are in, and we’re almost ready for the winter!

Odyssey Graphic Novel & Comics Workshop
Sat., November 2
Barnes & Noble Café | 2-4 p.m.
2323 Sagamore Pkwy, Lafayette

Two-Day Marathon Read: The Odyssey
Tues., November 12
Wed., November 13
Purdue Ringel Gallery
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Stewart Center, 128 Memorial Mall, West Lafayette

Bite-Size Book Discussion: Books 16-20
Wed., November 20
Second Flight Books | 6 p.m.
2200 Elmwood, Market Square, Lafayette

Bite-Size Book Discussion: Books 21-24
Wed., December 4
Main Street Books | 6-7 p.m.
426 Main St, Lafayette
Join us for the last bite-sized book discussion of The Odyssey!

Finale: Author Emily Wilson
Fri., December 6 | Purdue Fowler Hall, Stewart Center | 7:30–9 p.m.
A free public event. Audience questions welcomed!
**Medicare 101**
Wednesday, November 6
Downtown | 6 p.m.
Clifford Havens | LifeSmart Senior Services
Explore when to enroll and what the “parts” do and don’t cover. Discuss supplements, advantage plans, and Part D prescription coverage. See what changes are coming in 2020! Take home cost-saving strategies.

**Ever True Author John Norberg**
Thursday, November 14
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

**Book Sale & Signing**
Writer and former Lafayette Journal & Courier columnist John Norberg, talks about his latest book. Ever True: 150 Years of Giant Leaps at Purdue University captures the essence of Purdue by delving into the human stories. Learn about the faculty, alumni, and leaders who helped create Purdue history. Share in humorous, inspiring, and tragic moments from the past. Be a part of Purdue’s sesquicentennial celebration.

**Cookbook Exchange Table**
November 1-30 | Downtown
Looking for new recipes? Drop by a cart of donated cookbooks in the Reference area. Take one home for free.

**International Film & Culture**
Watch acclaimed movies and participate in brief discussions.
Sundays | Klondike | 2-4:30 p.m.

**Argentina: The Last Suit | November 17**
A Polish Holocaust survivor returns to Lodz to fulfill a promise he made nearly 70 years earlier. Filmed in Spanish with English subtitles, this late-life road trip is both poignant and humorous (2017, 91 min).

**Japan: Shoplifters | December 15**
Described as a crime drama, this film explores what it means to be a family. Poverty brings the group together. They form a “family” and survive by shoplifting. When a new child joins the family, trouble ensues. Filmed in Japanese with English subtitles (2018, 2 hr, 1 min).

**Healthy Holiday Eating**
Thursday, November 21
Klondike | 5:30 p.m.
Purdue Extension Educator Amber Noll offers strategies for healthy eating throughout the holidays and beyond.

**The Family Table**
Thursday, December 12
Klondike | 5:30 p.m.
When you invite family and friends to gather at your table, you want it to be special. Purdue Extension Educator Amber Noll helps you plan ahead and enjoy the experience as well as everyone else.

**One-To-One Technologies**
Get help with technology troubles. Learn how to use Microsoft Office. Create e-mail or social media accounts. Set up phone contacts and download library materials. Register at the information desk or call.

**Book Groups**

**Fantasy & Sci-Fi**
Second Tuesdays
Wyandotte | 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 | Sharon Shinn
Dec. 10 | Leigh Bardugo

**Eclectic**
Third Thursdays
Downtown | 10 a.m.
Nov. 21 | The Paying Guests, Sarah Waters
December Break. See you Jan. 16.

**Murder By The Book**
Fourth Wednesdays*
Wyandotte | 10:15 a.m.
*Special Meeting
November 20
C J Box series featuring Joe Pickett
December Break.
See you Jan. 22.
FRIENDS HOLIDAY SALE

The countdown is on! Join your friends and neighbors for the biggest sale of the year. Browse nearly-new and gift-quality books. Explore movies, music, games, and puzzles for kids, teens, and adults. Discover special holiday items and collectibles. All proceeds support the library.

Downtown
Friday, Dec. 13 | 7:30-9:30 p.m. Members only night.
Saturday, Dec. 14 | 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 15 | 1-5 p.m. | All items half price
Monday, Dec. 16 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | $3 a bag. Bags provided.

TCPL Friends Special Kids’ Book Sale

Saturday, Jan. 25 | Downtown | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fiction, fact, and fun books. All only 50¢! Items for preschool ages & grades K-12.
Questions? tcpl.lib.in.us/friends-of-tcpl