

# POCKET EDITION

## Indiana Author Spins Stories February 7



Author Philip Gulley brings his homespun tales and gentle humor to a free program in Ivy Hall on the Ivy Tech Campus, 3101 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette, at 7 p.m., Friday, February 7.

A quick wit, a love of people and their stories, and an ability to weave a good tale make Indiana's Philip Gulley a popular author.

At 7 p.m., Friday, February 7, he brings those talents to the Ivy Hall auditorium stage on the Ivy Tech Campus in a free performance for school-age children and adults. No reservations or tickets are required; just show up for an evening of good cheer and chuckles.

### Sprinkled With Humor

A Quaker pastor in Danville, Indiana, by day, Gulley is a graduate of Marian College, where he says he received a "D" in English composition, but only after promising the professor he'd never write again. He went on to theological school—

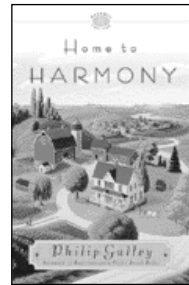
where he graduated with honors due to a grading error, he says—but never lost his love of writing.

### Lively 'People' Tales

What started out as essays in his church bulletin soon became his first book, *Front Porch Tales*, a collection of the "delights and challenges of small town living." Two more essay collections followed, then Gulley ventured into fiction with *Home to Harmony*. So far, he's written two more in that series, all featuring what one reviewer calls "crusty, lovable characters."

Of his life's work and writing, Gulley says his goal is "to gladden people's hearts."

His program is sponsored by the Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library, Tippecanoe County Storytellers Guild and Religious Arts Festival of Greater Lafayette.



### Six Books By Gulley

#### Nonfiction

*Front Porch Tales*  
*Home Town Tales*  
*For Everything a Season*

#### Fiction

*Home to Harmony*  
*Just Shy of Harmony*  
*Christmas in Harmony*

## Spanish/English Storytimes Debut

The campus library is now hosting bilingual children's storytimes at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month, reports Librarian Stacy Post. "We'll read the same book in both Spanish and English, giving children the opportunity to enjoy the rhythm and gain an understanding of both languages."

Join us at the Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library (campus library): 7 p.m., Thursdays, January 16 and February 20 in the Friends Program Room.

# Chase Away The Chill @ Your Library

No need to stay huddled up at home with these lively winter activities at your library! Bundle up and head out for some conversation, learning and fun.

## Celebrate Martin Luther King Day

**Jan. 20, Downtown Library, 11 a.m.**

Join us for a reflective program commemorating the contributions of famed civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at **11 a.m. on Monday, January 20**, at the downtown library.

The program will include an address by Carolyn Johnson, interim director of Purdue University's African-American Studies and Research Center, and presentations by Purdue University student groups to mark Martin Luther King Day.

## Mystery Book Club Callout

**Jan. 22, Campus Library, 10 a.m.**

If you enjoy a good murder mystery, you'll love this new book group—Murder by

the Book! Join us for a callout meeting at **10 a.m., January 22**, at the campus library.

Those who gather will decide what to read, when to meet and the group's format. Sleuth on over!

## Learn About The Law

**Jan. 30, Campus Library, 5:30 p.m.**

A little background on the law can go a long way in understanding all kinds of things, from leases to mediation, the court process and more.

While legal representation is important, so is learning some background on the law. A great source for that is the online Indiana Supreme Court Self-Service Legal Center at [www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice/index.html](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice/index.html).

You're invited to learn more about this site and its resources at a free workshop in the campus library's computer lab beginning at **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 30**. Anthony Zapata, project director for Indiana Pro Se



and the Self-Service Legal Project, will speak and walk you through the website.

The program is free and reservations are not required.

## All-Ages Writing Sessions Begin In January

**Downtown Library, 2 p.m., Sundays**

Everybody has a story to tell, and thanks to Purdue's Creative Writing Program and staff members of its literary journal, *Sycamore Review*, you can now learn just how to craft yours.

The Looseleaf Writing Workshops will feature free programs from **2 to 3 p.m.** on several Sundays through April at the downtown library. Some are for children, others for adults.

January and February workshops:

- **January 26**, for adults, "Word Paintings," art-inspired writing, with Donald Platt, Purdue associate professor of poetry.
- **February 9**, for children, "Make Your Own Book (And Fill It, Too)," with Neal Gill and Rebecca Bednarz, featuring simple book designs.
- **February 23**, for adults, "Magic in the Mundane: Looking to the Domestic Life for Poetry," with Sara Lamers, featuring poetry writing from ordinary acts and everyday lives.

Registration is required for all workshops; please call 429-0119.

## Kids Chemistry

**Feb. 1, Downtown Library, 2 p.m.**

Your library is brewing up an afternoon of free chemistry fun for youngsters aged eight to 12, beginning at **2 p.m., Saturday, February 1**.

Members of Purdue University's National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers will demonstrate experiments and guide youth in hands-on activities.

They'll also distribute instructions for safe at-home experiments.

No registration or tickets are required. For more information call 429-0119.



## In Memoriam

Ralph A. Van Handel, 83, who served from 1974 to 1984 as library director at Wells Memorial Public Library (now the Tippecanoe County Public Library), passed away on November 27.

He came to Lafayette after serving as the Gary library director for 20 years. He was a life member of the American Library and Indiana Library associations. In 1971, he was named Indiana Librarian of the Year and he received a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1984.

His family designated Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library as one of the recipients for memorial gifts honoring Van Handel.

## Online Catalog Enhanced

In December your library unveiled an enhanced and easier-to-use online catalog system. With the expanded TIPCAT, you can maintain personal reading lists, track favorite authors, access bestseller and award-winner lists, read online author biographies and book reviews and do lots more.

It works like other web pages, and even features colorful book jacket art and table of contents pages from recently published books. Check it out at [www.tcpl.lib.in.us](http://www.tcpl.lib.in.us).

# Campus Library Popular Spot

"Wow," is the word most often heard in the last year at the new Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library (campus library), reports Michelle Bradley, managing librarian. "It's been a year of introducing people to our new library and hearing many people say 'wow' when they come through the doors."

## 100,000 Visitors First Year

In all, more than 100,000 people have visited the new library, checking out an equal number of items, attending more than 50 storytimes and getting answers to more than 22,000 reference questions.

"It's been a great year," Bradley says.

## Children's Books Big Hit

Topping the check-out list are children's picture books, an indication of the library's popularity with families. "The children's area has been a huge draw," she says.

As to serving both the public and Ivy Tech students, "The whole concept is working really well," she says. "Items you want to run in and grab are on the first



*We made history a year ago with the opening of the first joint-use library in the state, the Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library (campus library) at 3101 S. Creasy Lane in Lafayette. Pictured enjoying a campus storytime are (from left) Brenna, Devon, Julia, Grant, Eugenia, Elizabeth, Morgan and Patrick.*

floor, and research can be done on the second. The way it's physically designed works for both a public and a college library."

The computer classroom has been a great addition for public library offerings. "And students love having access to the public library's materials," Bradley says.

# Spotlighting Volunteers: The Blickenstaffs



*Janet and Channing Blickenstaff have been volunteering at the Tippecanoe County Public Library for 15 years.*

Retirement brought a change of scene but not pace for Janet and Channing Blickenstaff, who have been heading to the Tippecanoe County Public Library to volunteer four hours a week since 1987.

"We both feel it is important to have a structured week or routine to follow in retirement," says Channing, who was a Purdue University faculty member in foreign languages and executive assistant to the dean of the graduate school.

"Volunteering at the library is challenging, and it gives us both a feeling of accomplishment and opportunity to interact with others," he says. Plus, they like seeing new books as they arrive.

Both volunteer in technical services, Channing handling special projects such as re-labeling books and database entry of new book orders. Janet, who retired from a staff position with the Girl Scouts, is the library's only volunteer book mender, and she also helps with book processing.

# Foundation Welcomes Will, Estate Gifts

When a client mentioned to Jane Rinehart, who operates an accounting and tax business, that she'd like to make a charitable contribution that would benefit a broad range of society rather than just a narrow group, Rinehart suggested the Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation.

"At the library, I see people of many different national origins and classes, and that makes me feel good," Rinehart says. "And apparently my suggestion met with what my client was feeling."

Another recent donor's contribution came via a will provision. "It is an honor to receive estate gifts and memorial contributions to the library," says County Librarian Jos N. Holman. "Often, they are completely unanticipated, like the one I received in early November. When we consider all we want to do as a library, yet being a public entity that uses public tax dollars, it is often these additional funds which allow TCPL to go above and beyond in its mission of service to our community."

Lafayette residents Rita and Dennis Bulington, volunteers through the Friends of the Library, have included a provision in their wills that designates a set amount for the library.

"When I'm not here anymore to give them my time, this contribution will give them the opportunity to benefit from us," Rita says. "It's something we care deeply about. We are both voracious readers, so this is a natural for us."

Gifts through your estate provide important benefits, says Amy Paget, Planning and Development Librarian. "Gifts may be made by will or trust to the Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation Inc., by directing a specific dollar amount or percentage." They can be designated for specific programs or departments, too.

Paget is available to discuss ways to make a gift. Contact her at 429-1067 or by email at [amypaget@tcpl.lib.in.us](mailto:amypaget@tcpl.lib.in.us).

# Director's Notes



by Jos N. Holman,  
County Librarian

As the year 2002 rapidly comes to a close, traditionally we as human beings start thinking about a new year and the

changes it might bring. Parallel to our thinking about the future, often, we simultaneously review the past 12 months to see how we have done. It is a time period where we want to move forward with enthusiasm and anticipation, realizing at the same time we must maintain a clear focus to close out the present year. It is a quandary we find ourselves in every year. Yet, it still catches us off guard and challenges us to the fullest.

Being a fairly new library director, I find this annual rite of passage a greater

challenge this year than I have for a long time. I believe the challenge is greater this year, not only because I have personally gone through quite a few changes, but because TCPL has undergone a variety of changes, some more apparent than others.

Many people would point to the campus library as the most apparent change. Some would suggest the new mobile library. Others might say, the selection of a new library director. Finally, there are those who would suggest the intangible and unstated changes beneath the surface stand out the most.

Change is sometimes welcome, sometimes imposed, sometimes unexpected, and oftentimes extremely demanding. I really wish I could outline the number of changes I foresee for TCPL in 2003. The issue is I don't have the outline. Secondly, there is so much to focus on in order to close out 2002; it's difficult to look too far ahead.

However, this is one time of the year, where we often anticipate change and look forward to it. This is because with the advent of a new year, there is a rejuvenated expectation that things will be better. We believe we have the potential and resources to be more successful in our pursuits than the year before. We garner more enthusiasm and energy for newer conquests than we even knew we possessed. We press on with the hope of a brighter picture.

It has been said, "change is inevitable." It will happen whether we want it to or not. I am optimistic TCPL will face the changes in 2003 with a revitalized hope, boundless enthusiasm, and the energy and resourcefulness of a superhero. Also, I trust you will weather the changes with us and be patient enough to see what the change truly brings. In the meantime, enjoy the holiday season in whatever way you choose with whomever you choose. TCPL wishes you the very best in the New Year.

## Warm Up Winter With Library Resources

Your library is loaded with great books, videos and resources on Martin Luther King, U.S. presidents and other topics that make good choices in January and February. Here is just a sampling.

### Winter Nonfiction

641.5636 G624W

*The Winter Vegetarian: Recipes and Reflections for the Cold Season*

796.9 I59

*Snow Sports*, William G. Scheller, editor

### Celebrate Black History Month

#### Young Adult Fiction

YA Davis, O.

*Just Like Martin* by Ossie Davis

#### Graphic Novel

923.673 K53S1

*King Remembered* by Flip Schulke and Penelope Ortner

#### Talking Books/Videos

TALKING BOOKS 923.673 KING

*The Autobiography of Martin Luther King Jr.*

#### Nonfiction Books

920.996 A1A

*Black Profiles in Courage: A Legacy of African American Achievement* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Alan Steinberg

923.673 K53A

*We Shall Overcome: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Black Freedom Struggle*, Peter J. Altert and Ronald Hoffman, editors

#### Reference Books

305.42S591B

*Black Women for Beginners*  
by Sandra Sharp

#### Presidents' Day Reading

##### Talking Books/Videos

TALKING BOOKS 923.173 ADAM

*John Adams* by David McCullough

VIDEO Crossing

*The Crossing*

#### Nonfiction Books

923.173 A214M

*John Adams* by David McCullough  
(also in large type)

923.173.W318T

*George Washington's Diaries* by Dorothy Twonig, editor

923.273 A1U

*America's Founders* by Michael V. Uschan

973.3 F357S

*Setting the World Ablaze: Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and the American Revolution* by John Ferling

973.3 W681J

*Jefferson's Pillow: The Founding Fathers and The Dilemma of Black Patriotism*  
by Roger Wilkins

#### Fiction

FICTION Clark, M.

*Mount Vernon Love Story* by Mary Higgins Clark

MYSTERY Roosevelt, E.

*Murder in Georgetown, Murder in the Lincoln Bedroom* (also in large type) and *Murder in the Red Room* (large type), all by Elliott Roosevelt

# Warm Up With 'Family Read-Aloud'

## On A Snowy Day, Find Your Way To The Library



(c) 2002 Ezra Jack Keats Foundation

Ezra Jack Keats' famous children's book, *The Snowy Day*, is inspiring a month of family reading and activities at your downtown and campus libraries this February. And all month long, families who read together can earn prizes!

### Earn Prizes

Here's how it works:

- Parents, grandparents, caregivers and your children should sign up for the Family Read-Aloud Program at either the downtown or campus library, beginning **Saturday, February 1**. When you do, every reader in your family will receive a keepsake Snowy Day bookmark.
- Start reading together and logging your time.

- Bring your reading record to the library by **February 28** and receive these prizes:
  - **1 hour:** Snowy Day pencils and stickers for your children.
  - **2 hours:** Old Country Buffet Eager Reader Award for each child, which includes a complimentary child's meal.
  - **3 hours:** A Book Buck for every family member, good for purchases at any 2003 used book sale hosted by the Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library.
  - **4 hours:** A free book for your family to share.

### Learn, Have Fun

"We encourage families to read together for the enjoyment and fun it provides, for the bond it helps create between parents and children, and for the message it sends children about the value of reading," says Youth Librarian Winnie Adler. "Reading aloud also helps children with their listening comprehension skills and school performance."

A grant from Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union is providing the funds for these materials, books and programs.

## Feb. 8 Concert For Very Young



*Babies and toddlers love music, so bring them to the downtown library at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 8, for the Concert for the Very Young. Pictured (from left) are Mia Lewis, Regan Eckstein, and Amy Bradfondbrener.*

The sounds of lullabies and nursery songs will fill the air at **2 p.m., Saturday, February 8**, as local string musicians present the Concert for the Very Young at the downtown public library.

Featured musicians include Regan Eckstein, Amy Brandfonbrener and Mia Lewis, with performances by young musician Kristen Haehl. Stacy Jones will narrate the event and guide the audience in finger plays and rhymes.

Babies, toddlers and preschool children and their adults are invited to this free concert, funded by the Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union. To assure sufficient seating, tickets are required. You may call 429-0119 to reserve tickets beginning **Monday, February 3**, or stop in the downtown library.

## Storytellers Take To The Stage Feb. 16

There's nothing quite like a good story to warm up a cold day, and that's just what's on tap at the downtown library at **2 p.m., February 16**. The Tippecanoe Storytellers Guild will be sharing stories at Tales for A Snowy Day and TCBY will provide the treats for this free family event.

No reservations or tickets are required. Come hungry and ready to win some door prizes, too!

### Win Free Concert Tickets

Those attending the Concert for the Very Young or Tales for a Snowy Day can enter two drawings for four free tickets to the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra's February 23 Family Concert, Carnival of the Animals.

## Winter Reading

Your library is stocked with great seasonal titles. Need help choosing books for your young ones? Ask our youth librarians for help!



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 Telephone (765) 429-0100 • www.tcpl.lib.in.us  
 Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Fri. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun., 1 - 6 p.m.

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# Help Friends Supplement Library Funds

The Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library is raising funds for this newsletter, author visits, the summer reading clubs and other library programs at two upcoming events: a Barnes & Noble Book Fair and the Hop Into Spring Used Book Sale.

## Book Fair Feb. 8, 9 and 10, Barnes & Noble

Shopping for books and related items? If you make those purchases on February 8, 9 or 10 at Barnes & Noble and present a library Book Fair Voucher, the Friends will receive a portion of the sale. Pick up a voucher at either library or at the cash register at the store.

## Used Book Sale Feb. 28, March 1, 2, 3, Downtown Library

Hop into some good reading this spring with great buys at the Friends of the Library used book sale:

- **Friday, February 28, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, friends members only, with memberships starting at \$10 available at the door.
- **Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **Sunday, March 2, 1 to 6 p.m.**, all books half-price.
- **Monday, March 3, 9 a.m.** until everything sells, books \$1 a bag.

The sale features a silent auction of rare and out-of-print books, too.

### Wanted: Your Used Books

Contributions for the sale may be dropped off at the circulation desk of the downtown library during regular operating hours. Donations of more than a box-full should be taken to the library loading dock on the west end of the building.

### \$100,000 Raised In 2002

Founded in 1964, the Friends group held its first book sale five years later. In 2002, the Friends set a record, raising more than \$100,000 for the library, with almost \$74,000 of that through its used book sales.