Library Launches ‘Money Smarts’ for Teens

The Tippecanoe County Public Library begins a year-long series on financial literacy for teens and their parents this fall.

Called Money Smarts, the series gives teens practical information for life experiences they'll soon face. The program is modeled after one created by the Chicago Public Library, and will draw on local professionals as presenters.

Buying a Car

First up is:

Buying Your First Car
Thursday, September 29
7 to 8:30 p.m.
Downtown Library
Registration is not required.

Teens will learn everything you need to know about buying, financing, insuring and maintaining a car.

Presenters include:
- Chuck Austin,
  Bob Rohrmann Toyota;
- Bob Falk, PFECU;
- Peggy Reese,
  Farm Bureau Insurance;
- Eric Erskin,
  Ivy Tech Community College.

Each will bring key insights on different steps in the process, from choosing and negotiating the price to obtaining financing and insurance coverage. And remember the license plate and registration, too!

Loans, Jobs, More

Future programs will cover using credit and debit cards, checking accounts, applying to college, securing financial aid, renting your first apartment and signing your first lease, and writing resumes and seeking employment.

Sessions will be informative and geared to teens about to make some big first decisions.

Libraries Closed

Sept. 5

Both libraries and the Mobile Library will be closed on Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day Holiday.

Teens Celebrate Reading

Teens are invited to “Get real! @ your library” during Teen Read Week, October 16 to 22, and to vote for your favorite books by visiting www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/teenstopten.htm.

Among the nominees:
The Cry of the Ice Mark, Stuart Hill
Girls in Pants, Ann Brashares
Godless, Pete Hautman
How I Live Now, Meg Rosoff
The Last Universe, William Sleator
Maximum Ride, James Patterson
Naughts and Crosses, Malorie Blackman
The Sea of Trolls, Nancy Farmer
Trickster’s Queen, Tamora Pierce
The Year of Secret Assignments, Jaclyn Moriarty

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Fall Fun for Teens, Youth

Napoleon Dynamite Teen Party

Teens are invited to a party playing off the independent movie that makes being a “dork” cool. Play pin the casserole on Tina, challenge yourself with the Tater Tot toss, join the dance competition, and more. “Gosh.”

Join us:

Napoleon Dynamite Party
Thursday, October 20
7 to 8:30 p.m., ages 13-18
Downtown Library
Registration not required.

Teen Board Plays Key Role

Hats off to Teen Advisory Board members for their ongoing help in making a sign for the Young Adult area, presenting a readers’ theater, helping with other programs, and reviewing books before publication so publishers know what teens like to read.

“Through their generous donation of time, members of the Teen Advisory Board have put the Tippecanoe County Public Library well on its way to becoming ‘Teen Central,’” says Kelley Lethgo, Youth Librarian.

“We invite teens to join us at our next meeting to help us achieve this goal.”

Teen Advisory Board Meetings
Thursday, September 8 and Thursday, October 8
7 to 8:30 p.m., 9-12th graders

It’s a great way to have a say in what interests you at your library.

Children Take Center Stage

Youngsters are invited to storytimes (see our calendar page for dates and times) and to special programs at both the Downtown and Campus libraries this fall.

Plan on some fun at these events:

Grandparents, Grandkids

Storytime with Grandma and Grandpa
Saturday, September 10
10:30 a.m., all ages
Campus Library
No registration required

Celebrate Grandparents Day by listening to a story and making crafts together.

Established by Congress in 1978 at the urging of West Virginia’s Marian H. McQuade, National Grandparents Day is celebrated each year on the Sunday after Labor Day. September was chosen to reflect grandparents’ autumn years of life.

New Parents

Born to Read for Expectant, New Parents
Sunday, September 18
3 p.m.
Downtown Library
Registration requested; call 429-0119

Your library is eager to help you encourage your child’s love of reading and grow an eager reader.

This 30- to 45-minute workshop gives expectant and new parents a look at books, information and library youth services. Babies welcome.

Autumn Fun

Get Spooked with Scary Stories
Friday, October 28
1 p.m., ages 7 to 12
Campus Library
No registration required

Get ready for Halloween with scary ghost stories told by the Tippecanoe Storytellers Guild. Then check out some to read yourself. Popular library titles include:

Scary Stories for Campfires
Beware! by R.L. Stine
Ask the Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World by Arielle North Olson.

Autumn Crafts ‘Make-and-Take’
Friday, October 28
3 p.m., ages 7 to 12
Downtown Library
Registration required; call 429-0119

Celebrate Fall Break with fun and imaginative crafts.

Services for Daycares

Are you a daycare provider? Interested in receiving information about special programs and assistance our Youth Department can offer? We’re here to help! Contact us at 429-0119 or by email at cstultz@tcpl.lib.in.us.
Adults Invited to Lively Programs

Knit Two, Purl One
Join the yarn craze:
Knitting Lessons
Downtown Library
Registration required; sign up at Reference Desk and pick up supply list. Enrollment is limited.

Knitting Newbie
Tuesday, September 13
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
or
Wednesday, September 21
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Keeping Me In Stitches, Part 2
Tuesday, September 27
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
or
Wednesday, October 5
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mind-Body Fitness Series
Next in our Mind-Body Fitness Series:

Pet Rx: The Importance of Animal Companionship
Tuesday, September 20
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Ivy Hall, Lilly Room 1112
Ivy Tech
No registration required

Dr. Alan Beck, Director of the Center for the Human-Animal Bond at Purdue University’s School of Veterinary Medicine and co-author of Between Pets and People: The Importance of Animal Companionship, will speak on the role of pets as therapy for humans.
He will also bring his robotic dog and discuss the possible role such a companion could play for individuals with limited ability to care for an animal.

Breast Cancer Awareness:
Facts and Myths
Thursday, October 13
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Ivy Hall, Lilly Room 1120
Ivy Tech
No registration required

Ruth Breyley, Director of the YWCA Women’s Cancer Program, will discuss breast cancer risk factors, detection, self-exam, prevention and the importance of clinical exams and mammograms.
She will also dispel myths often associated with breast cancer. Spanish language materials and a Spanish language interpreter will be available.

Genealogy Online
October is family history month, and your library is hosting three programs for novice and experienced genealogists, led by Lou Ann Clugh.

She’s past president of the Tippecanoe County Genealogical Society and coordinator of the Tippecanoe County Cemetery Restoration Project.
She will cover the online resources, Family Tree Maker software and Heritage Quest and Ancestry databases. Brush up your skills, learn something new and visit with others who share your interests.

Genealogy Online
Mondays, October 10, 17 and 24
6:30 p.m.
Downtown Library

Book Clubs

- Book Clique
Online discourse; signup at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html.
September: I Am Charlotte Simmons, Tom Wolfe
October: Nightmare at 20,000 Feet, Richard Matheson

- Eclectic
Meets 10 a.m., third Thursdays, Downtown.
September 15: Caucaia, Danzy Senna
October 20: Life of Pi, Yann Martel

- Fiction
Meets 7 p.m., first Tuesdays, Downtown.
September 6: Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons, Lorna Landvik
October 4: To be announced

- Murder by the Book
Meets 10 a.m., fourth Wednesdays, Campus.
September 28: Read one each from John D. MacDonald’s Travis McGee series and Ross MacDonald’s Lew Archer series.

October 26: The Perfect Murder, H. R. F. Keating

For more information on adult book clubs and future titles, visit www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroups.html.
High-traffic areas in the Downtown Library have been redesigned to better utilize the building’s space.

This was the first renovation of the Downtown Library, built in 1989. The project was funded with current tax dollars rather than a request for additional funds.

This is how the Circulation area looked in early June.

A temporary detour guided patrons while new carpeting was installed.

Two crew members tackle the wiring for the new Circulation Desk in July.

A new computer lab now occupies the site of the former row of study rooms.

By early August, the new Circulation Desk was complete and in service.

Early August brought a new bank of computer desks to a room of their own.
The Summer 2005 remodeling project included a new, enclosed computer lab, more shelving, and a larger meeting room and kitchen facility.

A new small conference room was also added, audiovisual materials were consolidated and the Circulation Desk remodeled. A single customer service area was also created for adults. And the library’s public restrooms are now being upgraded.
Calendar

Note: See separate articles, below, for storytimes, which are not listed individually on this calendar.
Up-to-the-minute information about library programs is available at:
www.tcpl.lib.in.us; click on “TCPL Calendar” on the left.

September
5 Both libraries and Mobile Library closed, Labor Day
6 Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
   Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
8 Teen Advisory Board, Downtown, 7 p.m.
10 Storytime with Grandma and Grandpa, Campus, 10:30 a.m.
13 Knitting Newbie, Downtown, 9:30 a.m.
15 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10 a.m.
   Digging Up Our Past: Archeology in Tippecanoe County,
   Downtown, 7 p.m.
18 Born to Read for Expectant, New Parents, Downtown, 3 p.m.
20 Pet Rx: The Importance of Animal Companionship, Ivy Hall,
   Lilly Room 1112, Ivy Tech, 6:30 p.m.
   Friends Board Meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
21 Knitting Newbie, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
27 Keeping Me in Stitches, Part 2, Downtown, 9:30 a.m.
28 Murder by the Book, Campus, 10 a.m.
29 Buying Your First Car, for teens, Downtown, 7 p.m.
30 Friends Used Book Sale, Downtown, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

October
1 Friends Used Book Sale, Downtown, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
2 Friends Used Book Sale, Downtown, 1 to 6 p.m.
3 Friends Used Book Sale, Downtown, 9 a.m. to sellout
4 Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
   Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
5 Keeping Me in Stitches, Part 2, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
6 Teen Advisory Board, Downtown, 7 p.m.
10 Genealogy on the Internet, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
13 Breast Cancer Awareness, Ivy Hall, Lilly Room 1120, Ivy Tech,
   6:30 p.m.
17 Genealogy on the Internet, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
18 Friends Board Meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
20 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10 a.m.
   Napoleon Dynamite Party, for teens, Downtown, 7 p.m.
24 Genealogy on the Internet, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
26 Murder by the Book, Campus, 10 a.m.
28 Get Spooked with Scary Stories, Campus, 1 p.m.

Downtown Storytimes Return

Following our summer construction project, storytimes are now returning to the Downtown Library. Registration is not required.

Lapsit, for newborn to 24 months
9:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Lapsit incorporates rhymes, finger plays, tickles, bounces, songs, and circle activities. Children use small and large motor skills, and parents take home a rhyme and song sheet.

Preschool Storytimes, for 3½- to 6-year olds
11 a.m., Wednesdays

Toddler Times, for 24- to 42-month-olds
10:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Toddler Times combines books, rhythms, crafts, activities and music.

Stories under the Sculpture, for all ages
10:30 a.m., Saturdays
Enjoy old favorites and new titles.

Campus Library Hosts Family Storytimes

The Campus Library features Family Storytime at
10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. every Tuesday. You’ll enjoy stories, songs and crafts.
Join the fun on September 6, 13, 20 and 27, and
October 4, 11, 18 and 25.
Director’s Notes
Hammering Done, Some Spruce-up Remains

by Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

By the time you read this, the physical renovation of the downtown library will be complete. Some will wonder if this statement interests you because you may not have been in the library over the past four months. Others may think the renovation has been difficult, with unusual and unexpected changes, and you are probably elated it’s finally over. A few may think it was unnecessary, and the library should not have gone through the hassle, dirt, dust and inconvenience. Many, however, supported and looked forward to the remodeling, understanding it would improve our ability to serve you in various positive ways.

Throughout the renovation, we were determined to keep the library open and provide regular hours, usual services and full access to our collection. Yes, there have been unusual challenges along the way, but overall, the resolve to remember the needs of our customers stayed at the forefront of our decision-making.

Project Successful

With the perseverance and dedication of our staff and construction workers, we fulfilled this objective, and I am really thankful for this triumph. During the past four months of construction activity, library users have shown remarkable patience, outstanding cooperation, and thoughtful acceptance of our construction activities. Amazingly, we had less than a handful of complaints about the construction inconveniences, even through all of the directional changes we made to the public restrooms. The few constructive complaints we received did not go unnoticed as we tried to respond and rectify any matter that was brought to our attention.

Change is often something most of us could do without. I wish I could say there won’t be more. Because the renovation brought so many improvements, you will still notice the effects of change while getting used to where items are now located. Please ask our staff any and all questions you may have. We want to make sure to continue to facilitate your use of the library as best we can.

Final Touches to Come

This listing indicates specific changes you may notice over the next few months. I hope as you notice these, you will agree with our staff and board members that the changes will help your library provide better service in a better facility.

Coming changes include:

- Relocation of Internet computers in the adult reference area
- A larger meeting room with new carpet, lighting and kitchen area
- Remodeled restrooms with new sinks, improved lighting and wider stalls
- A circulation desk that facilitates direct communication with customers of all ages
- New carpet in the majority of the public service areas
- Consolidated audiovisual materials for a more browsable collection
- New conference room for small group meetings
- A single public service desk for adults near relocated Tipcat computers
- More shelving space, to hold 54,000 more books.

Thanks for your sincere interest in the welfare of your library and the support you have shown over the past few months. I really appreciate it.

New Public Printers Installed

Printing from Downtown Library computers is now easier and more streamlined. Users can manage and retrieve their own printing jobs, ensuring privacy and increasing efficiency of both printing and desk operations.

Our new print management system utilizes the Debitek copy card, which can be purchased in the library for $1 or $1.50. A one-time, 50-cent fee covers the card, which may be used indefinitely, with funds added as needed.

Report Lost Library Cards

Your Tippecanoe County Public Library card comes with benefits–access to books, movies, computer and Internet use and more–and with responsibilities. Those include appropriate use and return of library materials and monitoring use of your library card.

All materials checked out on your library card are your responsibility, regardless of who checks them out. If your card is lost or stolen, call the library immediately at 429-0100.

You may purchase a replacement card for $1 during library hours.

If you have questions about use of your card, please ask a staff member at the checkout desk.

Take a Safari at Friends Fall Sale

The Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library is planning an indoor safari for its fall used book sale. Readers are invited to stock up for fall and winter reading:

- Friday, September 30, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friends members only; memberships starting at $10 available at the door.
- Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, October 2, 1 to 6 p.m., all books half-price.
- Monday, October 3, 9 a.m. until everything sells, books $1 a bag.

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Daily Life Online: An Info Gold Mine

History isn’t all kings and battles. It’s been said that if we are really to understand history, we must look at people’s daily lives. The Tippecanoe County Public Library now lets you do that, quickly and easily, from your home or library computer.

Have you been assigned the task of writing a paper that describes a typical Elizabethan-period meal? Want to know about the fashions of the Mongols? Or what marriage customs were in the Age of Charlemagne?

Head for Greenwood Daily Life Online. You’ll find answers to these and other questions in this storehouse of information, and it’s an entertainment source, too.

Searchable Database

The database includes a search feature, so you can plug in “Elvis Presley,” “Susan B. Anthony,” one of today’s hot issues, or any other subject, and quickly get extensive background information.

You can also browse by regions of the world and time periods, and by subjects, such as domestic life, economic life, recreational life and more. The database includes maps, illustrations, timelines and links to hundreds of authoritative websites, too.

Vast Resource

Launched in June 2004, Greenwood Daily Life Online compiles resources from a vast number of reference works and primary documents. Written by established scholars, the content is enhanced and expanded twice each year. It’s suitable for high school and college projects and assignments.

Access from Home or Library

To access the database, you’ll need your library card. When prompted, enter the barcode number and the last four digits of your home phone number.

To begin your search:

• Go to the library website, www.tcpl.lib.in.us
• Click on “Online Resources”
• Click on “ER Databases”
• Click on “Science and Education”
• Scroll down and click on “Greenwood Daily Life Online.”

Now, enjoy a wealth of information!