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Black History Month Features Performers, Crafts

Members of the Jahari Dance Troupe from Purdue's Black Cultural Center, pictured, will perform at ***2 p.m., Saturday, February 4****, at the Downtown Library.*

Families are invited to celebrate Black History Month at the Downtown Library on Saturday, February 4.

Dancers at 2 p.m.

The Jahari Dance Troupe from Purdue's Black Cultural Center will perform at 2 p.m. The group's dances reflect the African-American experience from African to hip-hop, all well-laced with personality and style.

Crafts at 3 p.m.

At 3 p.m., families are invited to make Black History crafts, such as African-motif jewelry and a Khamsa, a decorated hand-shaped craft from Morocco. Khamsa is the Arabic word for "five." The hands are made to symbolize good luck.

Celebration Dates to 1926

Black history has been celebrated in the U.S. since 1926, first as a special week and later as a full month.

The idea began with Carter G. Woodson, who chose the week in February when Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were born. Both worked for black freedom.

The son of former slaves, Woodson enrolled in high school at age 20, after working for years in Kentucky's coal mines. He graduated in two years and went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. In 1915, he established what's known today as the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, and in 1926, the annual black history celebration.

Learn More at Your Library

To learn more, check out these and other titles at your library: *African-American Holidays* by Faith Winchester; *Black History Month Resource Book* by Mary Ellen Snodgrass; and young adult title, *Thank you, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,* by Eleanora Tate.

Celebrate History

Join us for two free programs **Saturday, February 4**, at the Downtown Library:

Jahari Dance Troupe
2 to 3 p.m.

Black History Month Crafts
3 to 4 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Downtown, Campus and Mobile Libraries will be closed:
December 31 and **January 1**

Campus Library will also be closed:
January 2 and **16**

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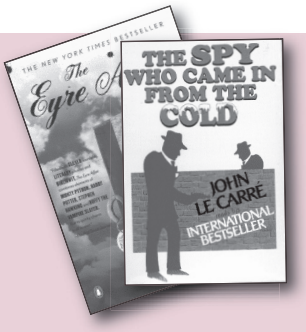


A Year of Mysteries

Murder by the Book
Meets **10 a.m.**, fourth Wednesdays (a week earlier in November), Campus.

January 25
Discussion of S.J. Rozan's Lydia Chin/Bill Smith series

February 22
The Beekeeper's Apprentice,
Laurie R. King

March 22
Discussion of Colin Dexter's Chief Inspector Morse series

April 26
Tonight I Say Goodbye,
Michael Koryta

May 24
Discussion of Donald Westlake's Dortmunder series

June 28
The Spy Who Came in from the Cold,
John Le Carre

July 26
Discussion of Ruth Rendell's Reginald Wexford series

August 23
Discussion of Arthur W. Upfield's Napoleon Bonaparte series

September 27
Monkeewrench,
P.J. Tracey

October 25
Discussion of P.D. James' Adam Dalgliesh series

November 15
The Eyre Affair,
Jasper Fforde

Programs Spark Winter Fun

Think Health: Mind/Body Fitness

Teresa Pasdach, YWCA health promotions director, gives a presentation on Pilates, an exercise that focuses on improving flexibility and strength:

Pilates
Tuesday, January 17
6:30 p.m.
Ivy Hall, Lilly Room 1106
Ivy Tech Campus

Dr. James Clark, Clark Chiropractic Care, will speak on the chiropractic philosophy and how it differs from allopathic healthcare:

Chiro Care
Tuesday, February 7
6:30 p.m.
Ivy Hall, Lilly Room 1106
Ivy Tech Campus

Think Words: Writing Workshops

Laura Donnely and Rebekah Silverman of Purdue's *Sycamore Review* literary magazine staff will present a program that will include both reading and writing poetry about gardening and gardens.

"Dirty Words: Gardening Poetry"
A Looseleaf Writing Workshop for Adults
Saturday, January 28
4 p.m.
Downtown

Others scheduled:

"Sports"
Saturday, February 11
4 p.m., Downtown

Topic to be announced
Saturday, February 25
4 p.m., Downtown

Registration required; please call 429-0113.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

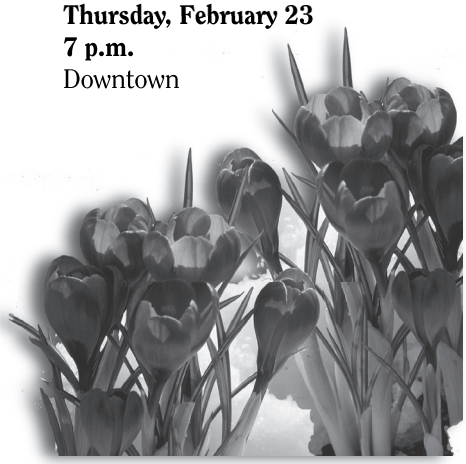
Think Spring: Gardening

Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp, gardening columnist for the *Indianapolis Star* and co-author of *The Indiana Gardener's Guide*, will kick off our 2006 gardening series, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" She'll discuss tree, shrub and garden bed care; low-maintenance plants; and insects and disease:

Lawn and Garden Basics for New Homeowners
Thursday, February 9
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Downtown

Beverly Shaw, City of West Lafayette Greenspace Administrator, will focus on what to expect from print and online seed and nursery catalogs. She'll help you get your garden started off right with good seeds, healthy plants and practical suggestions:

Gardeners Beware: Purchasing from Catalogs and the Internet
Thursday, February 23
7 p.m.
Downtown



Calendar

Note: See Storytimes below. These are not listed individually on this calendar.
Up-to-the-minute information about library programs is available at: www.tcpl.lib.in.us

January

1 Downtown, Campus and Mobile Libraries closed
2 Campus Library closed
3 Make-and-Take Crafts, Campus, 1 to 4 p.m.
Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
4 Make-and-Take Crafts, Downtown, 1 to 4 p.m.
5 Teen Advisory Board, Downtown, 7 p.m.
12 Money Smarts: Healthy on a Budget, Downtown, 7 p.m.
16 Campus Library closed
17 Pilates Demo, Ivy Hall Lilly Room 1106, 6:30 p.m.
Friends Board Meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
19 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10 a.m.
25 Murder by the Book Club, Campus, 10 a.m.
26 Series Bookworms, Campus, 6:30 p.m.; registration required
27 Teen Lock-In, Downtown, 5 to 9 p.m.; registration required
28 Looseleaf Writers Workshop, adults, Downtown, 4 p.m.; registration required.

February

1 Family Read Aloud Program begins
2 Teen Advisory Board, Downtown, 7 p.m.
3 Teen Band Showcase, Downtown, 6 to 9 p.m.
4 Jahari Dance Troupe, Downtown, 2 p.m.
Black History Crafts, Downtown, 3 p.m.
7 Chiropractic Care, Ivy Hall Lilly Room 1106, 6:30 p.m.
Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
9 Valentine Crafts, Campus, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Lawn and Garden Basics, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
11 Valentine Crafts, Downtown, 2 to 4 p.m.
Looseleaf Writing Workshop, Downtown, 4 p.m.
16 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10 a.m.
18 Music for Little People Children's Concert, Downtown, 2:30 p.m.; tickets required
21 Friends Board Meeting, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
22 Murder by the Book Club, Campus, 10 a.m.
23 Gardeners Beware, Downtown, 7 p.m.
25 Gold Medal Winners, Tippecanoe Storytellers Guild, Downtown, 2 p.m.
Looseleaf Writing Workshop, Downtown, 4 p.m.
28 Family Read Aloud program, last day to claim prizes

Library Storytimes

Regular storytimes resume January 7.

Downtown Library

Lapsit, newborn to 24 months
9:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Rhymes, finger plays, songs and more.

Toddler Times, 24- to 42-month-olds
10:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Books, rhythms, crafts and more.

Preschool Storytimes, 3½ to 6-year-olds
11 a.m., Wednesdays
Stories, songs, finger plays and more.

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

Campus Library

Family Storytime, all ages
10:30 a.m. and **2 p.m., Tuesdays**
Stories, songs and crafts.

SPECIAL

Pajama Storytime
Downtown:
6:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 7

Campus:
6:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, February 23

Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear and favorite pillow.

Warm Up with Good Books

Book Clique
Online discourse; signup at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html.
January: *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen
February: *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison

Eclectic
10 a.m., third Thursdays, Downtown.
January 19: *Middlesex*, Jeffrey Eugenedes
February 16: *Waiting*, Ha Jin

Fiction
7 p.m., first Tuesdays, Downtown.
January 3: *The Mermaid Chair*, Sue Monk Kidd
February 7: Title to be announced.

Director's Notes: Strategic Plan Set

by Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

Last spring, I shared background information about the development of Tippecanoe County Public Library's new strategic plan. With this issue of the *Pocket Edition* heralding the New Year, it is fitting to highlight and update our readers on the strategic plan, as previously promised. The new strategic plan, which was created utilizing a highly participative process, consists of a vision statement supported by seven values, a mission statement, and eight goals with subordinate objectives.

Due to limited space, this column will focus on sharing the vision and goals included in the plan.

Vision Statement

The new vision statement reads: "At your Tippecanoe County Public Library, explore and enjoy excellent resources that enrich your life and our community's life, today and tomorrow."

The thrust of this statement indicates the library is about you and what you can do at your library. Also, the vision reiterates utilization of library resources not only enriches your life but also enriches the community. Finally, the statement authenticates the direct impact of the library today and in the future. I am proud of our vision and hope that as a library customer, you clearly see its value.

Eight Goals

The following eight goals are intended to help TCPL achieve its vision. These goals are not in any particular order, as each goal is intrinsic to the future success of TCPL. Quite a bit of effort was expended to ensure the goals are succinct, allowing for a clear focus through a staff-developed action plan.

- **Reading and Literacy.** Promote reading and literacy as functional life skills and leisure activities.
- **Resources.** Provide adequate resources to prioritize and implement this strategic plan.
- **Community Presence.** Provide programs, staff expertise and materials or resources in community locations.
- **Partnerships.** Strengthen and/or pursue local partnerships with its Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation and community entities.
- **Visibility.** Market, promote and merchandise the library's value to individuals and to the community.
- **Staff and Board.** Recruit, hire, evaluate, develop and retain high quality, diverse staff. TCPL desires that board appointments will reflect the community's diversity.
- **Diverse Populations.** Assess needs, create and implement a service plan.
- **Facilities.** Continuously assess facility needs in all parts of the TCPL service area.

As we start 2006, it is exciting to have new goals and to initiate activities that will help TCPL achieve these goals. All objectives to accomplish these goals will be supported with library resources, i.e. staff, finances, facilities, policies and services in order to maximize our efforts to better serve you.

Periodic reports will be generated to share our progress and a year-end assessment will take place to measure our effectiveness. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead and continue to appreciate the immeasurable support the Greater Lafayette community provides to the library.

Friends Used Book Sale

The next Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library used book sale will be:

- **Friday, March 3, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, Friends members only; memberships starting at $10 available at the door.
- **Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **Sunday, March 5, 1 to 6 p.m.**, all books half-price.
- **Monday, March 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** or until everything sells, books $1 a bag; bags provided.

Future sale dates are July 7 to 10, September 29 to October 2, and December 1 to 4.

Contributions of used books for these sales may be dropped off at the Downtown Circulation Desk during library hours. Donations filling more than one box should be taken to the loading dock.

Answers to Your Library Questions

New Titles: When to Order?

My favorite author has a new book coming out. How far in advance will I see the title in the library catalog? When should I recommend the library purchase it?

Answer: Just Before Publication Date

It is best to wait until about three months before the book is due to be published.

Sometimes publication dates change between the time they're announced and the time the book finally appears. Since our system is set up to cancel unfilled orders after a certain period of time, an order placed in January for a title due to be released in July, for example, would likely be cancelled before it is filled.

The library's ordering process includes staff reading reviews and journals that route between two buildings, then manually entering selected items into TIPCAT. Even though a title may not appear in TIPCAT, it may have been noted and ordered.

So it is best to wait until shortly before a book is due to be released, then check again and place a hold or submit a request for purchase.

Families: Head for Your Library

Teen Events Promise Fun

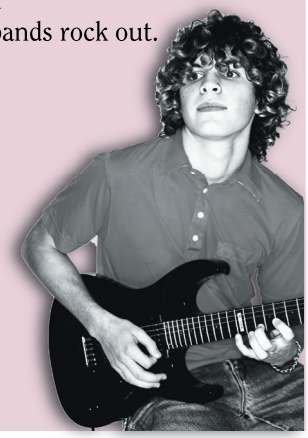
Join us for these events:

Teen Advisory Board
Thursday, January 5
Thursday, February 2
7 to 8:30 p.m.
Downtown
A group for teens interested in guiding library activities for their age group.

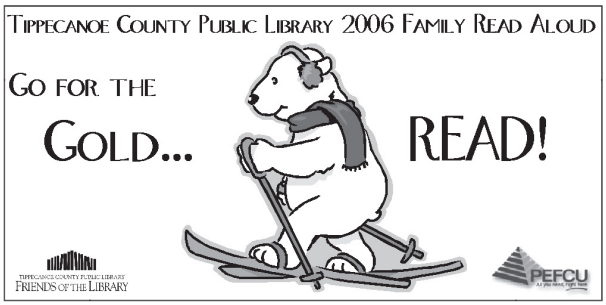
Money Smarts:
Healthy on a Budget
Thursday, January 12
7 to 8 p.m.
Downtown
Learn to make better food choices and fit exercise into your daily routine. Presented by Robert Pazdro, a doctoral candidate at Purdue University's College of Consumer and Family Sciences.

Teen Lock-In
Friday, January 27
5 to 9 p.m.
Ages 13 to 18
Downtown
Online games, anime, mystery solving and more. Registration required; call 429-0119.

Teen Band Showcase
Friday, February 3
6 to 9 p.m.
Ages 13 to 18
Downtown
Teen bands rock out.



Win Prizes for Reading Together



Reading together is a great way to help grow a reader, so the library invites your family to sign up for "Go for the Gold... Read!" – our 2006 Family Read Aloud Program. Sign up at the Downtown, Campus or Mobile libraries and earn a prize for each hour of reading, up to four hours:

- 1st hour: Ribbon bookmark
- 2nd hour: Cici's Pizza Kids Meal coupons for kids; Friends Book Bucks for adults
- 3rd hour: Tote bag, one per family
- 4th hour: Paperback book for the family

This program is sponsored by PEFCU and The Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library.

Youth Programs Fill Calendar

Storytellers Marilyn Neie and Pete Dunn bring winning tales to the downtown lirary ***Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m.***

Make and Take Crafts
Tuesday, January 3, Campus
Wednesday, January 4, Downtown
1 to 4 p.m., All ages

Series Bookworms:
The Chronicles of Narnia
Thursday, January 26, Campus
6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Ages 9 to 13
Join us to discuss C.S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia.* Test your knowledge with our trivia game and win a prize! Reservations required; call 269-5388.

Valentine Crafts
Thursday, February 9, Campus
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 11, Downtown
2 to 4 p.m.

Music for Little People Children's Concert
Saturday, February 18, Downtown
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Enjoy lullabies and nursery songs by musicians Regan Eckstein, Amy Brandfonbrener and Margot Marlatt, with narration and finger plays by Bethany Jones. Babies and preschoolers and their adults invited; no charge, but tickets required. Call 429-0119 beginning February 13 or stop in the Downtown or Campus library.

Gold Medal Winners
Saturday, February 25, Downtown
2 to 3 p.m.
Members of the Tippecanoe Storytellers Guild will bring tales to life for young ones. The program is free.

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Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun., 1 - 6 p.m.

Campus Library
P.O. Box 4639 • 3101 S. Creasy Lane
Lafayette, IN 47903
Telephone (765) 269-5380
Mon - Thurs., 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Library Offers Online Auto Repair Resources

by Alison Moss,
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Want to change the brakes in your 1945 Jeep? Tune up a 1965 Ford Econoline? Learn more about your 1985 Nissan Maxima? Besides a selection of auto repair books and manuals on your library shelves, you can now access auto information and more online, thanks to Tippecanoe County Public Library's subscription to two handy resources.

The All Data Pro and EBSCO Auto Repair Reference Center databases offer user-friendly, step-by-step access to auto diagnostic and repair information and allow you to print needed information, including extensive wiring diagrams.

All Data: Use Library Computer

To access All Data Pro, you must use one of the library's computers.

In this database, you'll be able to

locate professional automotive diagnostic and repair information and get the latest technical service bulletins.

EBSCO: Library, Home Computer

To access the second resource, EBSCO Auto Repair, you may use a library computer or your home computer.

EBSCO contains complete automotive repair information for most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes as far back as 1945. Care and repair tips, repair procedures and a troubleshooting section are all included.

A Few Clicks to Access

To access online databases from home, have your library card handy. When prompted, enter the barcode number and the last four digits of your home phone number. Access steps:

- Go to the library website, www.tcpl.lib.in.us
- Click on "Online Resources" at the top of the first column
- Click on "ER Databases"
- Click on "Automobile" on left
- Click on "All Data Pro" (must use library computer) or
- Click on "EBSCO" (from library or home computer).

After you've browsed and used these sites, let the library Reference Department know if you found them useful.