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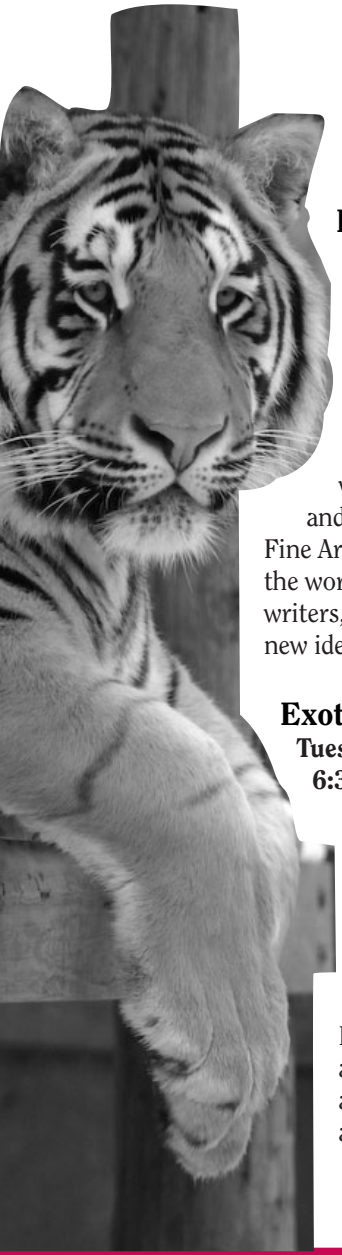
2008: Writing, Roaring & Reading Aloud



All at the Downtown Library, Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Meeting Rooms

Looseleaf Writing Workshop
Picturing the Personal
Thursday, January 10
6:30 p.m., adults

"Picturing the Personal: Image and Writing From Personal Experience" uses startling details, remembered images and life experiences to make writing vivid and meaningful. Dan Tyx and Erin Blakeslee from Purdue's Master of Fine Arts program, Department of English, lead the workshop. For newcomers and experienced writers, this workshop opens eyes and inspires new ideas. Registration required. Call 429-0115.

Exotic Feline Rescue
Tuesday, January 15
6:30 p.m., all ages

Jean Herrberg talks about the nine species of exotic cats housed in the Center Point, Indiana rescue center. See photos of the center and its residents. Hear how these cats survive in diminishing natural habitats. Discuss their "endangered status" and the protective measures naturalists advise for coexisting with these amazing felines.

Family Read Aloud Concert
Traveler's Dream
Saturday, February 2
2:00 p.m., all ages

Traveler's Dream members Denise Wilson and Michael Lewis will charm you with their enthusiasm, musicality and ability to play many instruments. Enjoy a variety of traditional and modern music, including Irish jigs, French-Canadian voyager songs and more. For "songs that capture the heart and history of diverse cultures," join us downtown.

All Libraries Closed New Year's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Downtown, Mobile & Klondike Open
Campus Library Closed

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14th Annual Family Read Aloud & More

Home School Researchers
Search it. Find it. Use it.
2:00 p.m., ages 12 & up
Three sessions. Three libraries.
Registration required.

Monday, January 7
Downtown Library

Monday, February 11
Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library

Monday, March 10
Purdue Undergraduate Library

Join us for three hands-on workshops with three librarians at three local libraries. Designed primarily, but not exclusively, for home school families. To register call 429-0119.

Get Set 4 Kindergarten
Thursday, February 21
6:30 p.m., parents & caregivers
Downtown Library
McAllister Meeting Rooms
Some can't wait to start. Other children feel shy and scared. Lafayette School Corporation teachers are here to help parents prepare children for kindergarten. TCPL youth staff will explain the library services and special book lists designed to prepare families for kindergarten and more.

For information, questions, or suggestions, call 429-0119; visit the downtown Youth Desk; or go to www.tcpl.lib.in.us/youth.

Earn up to four prizes:
Register at Downtown, Campus, Klondike or the Mobile Library. Sign up February 1-15. Read February 1-29. Record the time you read. Take your reading record to any TCPL library. Collect a prize for each hour up to four hours completed.

Join us in reading aloud and thanking our 2008 Sponsors – the Friends of TCPL, PEFCU and Culver's® restaurants.

Mark your calendars!

Pajama Storytime
6:30-7:00 p.m., all ages

Klondike: Tuesday, February 5
Campus: Tuesday, February 19
Downtown: Thursday, February 28
Come in your pajamas and enjoy bedtime stories, music and a craft. A half-hour of sleepytime fun!

Valentine Crafts
February 9, 2:00 p.m. – Downtown
February 11, 4:00 p.m. – Campus
February 12, 4:00 p.m. – Klondike
Create your own valentine card and craft for your sweetie.

Sweet Stories
Tippecanoe Storytellers' Guild
Saturday, February 23
All ages, 2:00 p.m., Downtown
Members of the Tippecanoe Storytellers' Guild will win your heart with sweet stories.

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Spring Into The Arts

Three locations • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • ages 8-12

As the freezin' season ends, this trio of programs will kick start your right brain, the creative side. Spring comes early @ TCPL! To register groups of five or more, please call 429-0119.

Art Extravaganza
Thursday, February 7 – Campus
Wednesday, March 19 – Downtown
Tuesday, April 22 – Klondike
Celebrate the life and works of artists as varied as Monet, Caulder, and Matisse. Make a mobile, a sculpture, and a collage. Express your creativity.

Basic Puppetry
Tuesday, February 19 – Klondike
Thursday, March 6 – Campus
Wednesday, April 16 – Downtown
Learn to manipulate shadow puppets. Understand the basics of marionette movement. Make a sock puppet.

String Games
Wednesday, February 27 – Downtown
Tuesday, March 11 – Klondike
Thursday, April 3 – Campus
Tie yourself in knots. Great for when the power goes out and the batteries die in your Gameboy.

Calendar

All TCPL programs are free and open to the public.
Due to seating limitations, some programs require advance registration and tickets.

January

1 All TCPL Libraries closed New Year's Day.
2 Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
3 Bag-O-Tricks Magic Show with Larry Wirtz, Downtown, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
7 Home School Research Workshop, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
10 Looseleaf Writing Workshop, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
15 Exotic Feline Rescue, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
17 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Downtown, 11:00 a.m.
Campus Library Closed.
23 Murder By The Book, Campus, 10:00 a.m.
24 Winter Warm Up – Joint Teen Meeting, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.

February

2 Concert: Traveler's Dream, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
5 Pajama Storytime, Klondike, 6:30 p.m.
Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
Author Mona Gedney, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
7 Spring: Art Extravaganza, Campus, 4:00 p.m.
Teen Library Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
9 Valentine's Day Crafts, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
11 Home School Research, Campus, 2:00 p.m.
Valentine's Day Crafts, Campus, 4:00 p.m.
12 Valentine's Crafts, Klondike, 4:00 p.m.
14 Middle School Library Guild, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
19 Spring: Basic Puppetry, Klondike, 4:00 p.m.
Pajama Storytime, Campus, 6:30 p.m.
20 Hoosiers In Hollywood, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
21 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
Get Set 4 Kindergarten, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
22 Love Bites, Downtown, 6:00 p.m.
23 Sweet Stories, Tippecanoe Storytellers' Guild, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
27 Murder By The Book, Campus, 10:00 a.m.
Spring: String Games, Downtown, 4:00 p.m.
28 Pajama Storytime, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
29 Friends Book Sale, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.

March – A Sneak Peek!

1 Friends Book Sale, Downtown, 9:00 a.m.
2 Friends Book Sale, Downtown, 1:00 p.m.
Teen Tech Week Begins
3 Friends Book Sale, Downtown, 9:00 a.m.
My Pop Studio, Campus, 6:30 p.m.
4 Soundbytes Workshop & Performance, Downtown 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

TCPL Web Calendar Always Online At www.tcpl.lib.in.us

Library Storytimes

Winter storytimes start Tuesday, January 8.

Downtown:

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

Evening Lapsit
6:30 p.m., Tuesdays
January 8 & 22, February 12 & 26
Rhymes, finger plays, songs and more

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

Preschool Storytime, 3½- 6-year-olds
11:00 a.m., Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Stories, songs, finger plays and more

Stories Under the Sculpture
10:30 a.m., Saturdays, all ages
Your chance to hear some of our favorites!

Campus:

Family Storytime, all ages
10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays
10:30 a.m., Fridays
Friends Program Room
Stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and fun

Klondike Branch:

All-Age Storytime
11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., Wednesdays
Hear great stories, sing songs, and make a great craft to take home!

For exact dates of storytimes, check the web calendar or visit the TCPL Youth pages at www.tcpl.lib.in.us

If you have questions, comments or suggestions please call 429-0119 or e-mail us at youthdesk@tcpl.lib.in.us.

January Is • National Letter Writing Month • Learn Spanish Month • National Braille Literacy Month
February Is • Black History Month • Library Lover's Month • National Children's Dental Health Month • Learn Italian Month

Added Values & Rewarding Relationships

TCPL And Your Taxes

By now, many of you anticipate a focus on property taxes in the upcoming session of the Indiana Legislature. Recent work by Governor Mitch Daniels, Senator Luke Kenley, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission and various entities have brought property taxes to the forefront statewide.

The November elections, plus media stories brought the property tax issue closer to home. "Closer to home," for me is the Tippecanoe County Public Library system. Being a unit of local government, revenue from property taxes is the key funding component of TCPL's daily operations. As local units of government make hard decisions about budgets and spending, undoubtedly, there will be lively debates throughout our county. So, how would it be if TCPL found itself as a "hot topic" in these debates? Reflecting on the value TCPL provides for the property taxes it receives might aid your point of view in these debates.

What is the cost of our library system?
For the past three years, the library's average operating budget was nearly 5 million dollars. Presently, the library receives just fewer than 3 million dollars in property taxes. Other local taxes, library fees, and a cash balance provide the additional funds needed to operate a full-service library system. Along with an operating budget, the library has a bond budget and a capital projects fund budget.

Altogether, our library budgets are funded by about 6 cents per $100 dollars of assessed valuation. This means for a house valued at $100,000, approximately $60 per year goes toward the funding of the library system. That's almost 17 cents per day. I am a little biased, but I must say this is a relatively small amount as we taxpayers pay less than the cost of a pack of gum (25¢).

With that 17¢ per day, our system provides comfortable public meeting spaces, three conveniently located buildings and a Mobile Library. It employs and trains nearly 110 staff members. It buys, maintains, and circulates hundreds of thousands of materials in print and electronic formats (some available 24 hours a day). In addition to hundreds of programs per year, the system offers Internet access, author visits, summer reading programs, children's story times, and daycare visits.

What "added value" does our system offer?
All library resources and services, equally accessible to all users, add value to our community and quality of life. The convenience of services 350 days per year, including Saturdays and Sundays, is valuable to residents with challenging schedules. The confidentiality of each individual's use of the library along with policies that support intellectual freedom make this your library. The absence of daily fines coupled with reciprocal borrowing privileges with surrounding libraries make our library system affordable to just about everyone who chooses to use the library.

Though property tax reform may occur, I hope you remember the cost and value of our system. Without property taxes, the current library system could not exist. With property taxes, residents have reputable library resources that foster reading and research for over 100,000 county residents almost every day of the year.

As property taxes are discussed, picked apart, and made fun of this spring, please reflect on what TCPL provides in exchange for each tax dollar. We take our responsibilities to the community seriously and we believe the Tippecanoe County Public Library system is worth every penny collected on our behalf. We feel honored to have the stewardship of this public money, and it is handled with sound fiscal practices and open accountability.

Jos N. Holman

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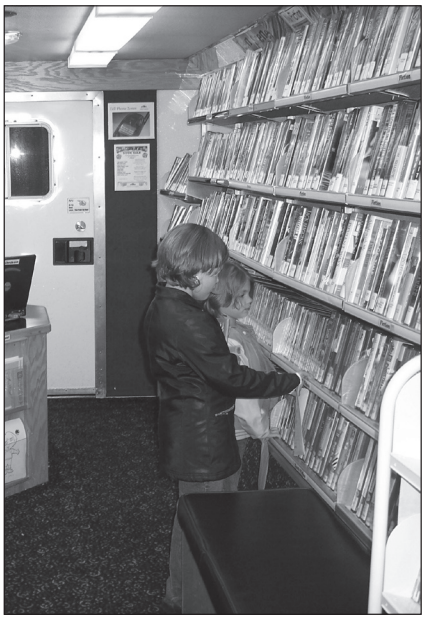
County Librarian



Mobile Library & Romney: Nearly 40 Years

In 1968, the Mobile Library began delivery throughout Tippecanoe County. Each week we deliver nearly 16 tons of equipment and library resources to residents and towns. Our first stop in Romney was August 28, 1968.

Over the years, some Romney visits were busier than others. One October day in 2005, no customers came! But we kept coming.

In October 2007, 46 Romney residents checked out 146 items. We were thrilled! Next year marks the 40th anniversary of Mobile Library service. The stops and schedules sometimes change, but for people who have difficulty getting to a branch or downtown, this important service continues.

New Mobile Schedule At All Libraries And Online

For the closest stop in your area call 429-0169, or go to www.tcpl.lib.in.us and click on "Bookmobile Stops." To talk to Angela Clements, Head Outreach Librarian, call 429-0192.

Chase Away Chills @ TCPL

TeenScene

Downtown Library
To register call 429-0119.

Winter Warm Up
Teen Library Club &
Middle School Library Guild
Thursday, January 24
7:00 p.m., ages 11-18
Celebrate new group names. Meet new friends. Talk book talk. Bring a mug for hot chocolate. And wear your PJs @ TCPL.

Teen Library Club
First Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
ages 14-18
February 7: Chat about books, preview new TCPL materials, and plan teen library programs.

Middle School Library Guild
Second Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
ages 11-13
February 14: Books, crafts, quizzes, games and special projects are on the agenda. Members are expected to volunteer for at least one library event each year.

Library After Hours
Love Bites
Friday, February 22
6:00-8:30 p.m., ages 14-16
A TCPL recipe for fun: a dash of cynicism, a bit of Goth, and a smattering of chocolate! Registration required. Call 429-0119.

"March Madness" Friends Book Sale

- Friday, February 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m., members only night.
- Saturday, March 1, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 2, 1:00-6:00 p.m., all items half price.
- Monday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. until sold out. $2 a bag. Bags provided. Shop online at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/friends.

Author Mona Gedney
Tuesday, February 5
7:00 p.m., teens & adults
Downtown Library
McAllister Meeting Room B

Nearly 20 books ago, Mona Gedney dared herself to try to write one book. Join us for a discussion about writing led by this retired West Lafayette High School English teacher. Book signing follows program.

Author David Smith
Hoosiers In Hollywood
Wednesday, February 20
7:00 p.m., adults
Downtown Library
McAllister Meeting Room B

Sydney Pollack, Steve McQueen and Carole Lombard, all Oscar nominees, are among the 30+ Hoosiers who found fame in Hollywood. David Smith, retired TV writer and Ball State Professor of Telecommunications, chronicles Indiana's impact on film history. Enjoy classic film images. Hear fascinating anecdotes. The Academy Awards are February 24!

A donation to the library dedicated to the one you love creates lasting benefits for the community. The library will send a card acknowledging your gift. Call 429-0101 or e-mail amypaget@tcpl.lib.in.us and Assistant County Librarian Amy Paget will assist you.

Book Clubs
Group Meetings

Downtown Library
Eclectic Book Club
Meets 10:00 a.m., third Thursdays, Downtown
January 17: *The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne
February 21: *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*, Michael Pollan

Fiction Book Club
Meets 7:00 p.m., first Tuesdays, Downtown
January 2: *An Irish Country Doctor*, Patrick Taylor
February 5: *My Home Is Far Away*, Dawn Powell

Campus Library
Murder By The Book
Meets 10:00 a.m., fourth Wednesdays, Campus
January 23: *The Devil in the White City*, Erik Larson
February 27: V.I. Warshawski series, Sara Paretsky

Online Discussions
Book Clique
January: *The Alienist*, Caleb Carr
February: *Travels with Charlie*, John Steinbeck
www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroup.html

Faction Fiction
January: *Geek Love*, Katherine Dunn
February: *Still Life With Woodpecker*, Tom Robbins
www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/faction.html

To find out more, visit:
www.tcpl.lib.in.us/ref/bookgroups .html.

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627 South Street • Lafayette, IN 47901-1470
Telephone (765) 429-0100
Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun., 1 - 6 p.m.

Campus Library
3101 S. Creasy Lane • Lafayette, IN 47905 - 5241
Telephone (765) 269-5380
Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., 1 - 5 p.m.

Klondike Branch
3062 Lindberg Road • W. Lafayette, IN 47906
Telephone (765) 463-5893
Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., 12 - 9 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.

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Klondike Branch

Meet Neal Starkey, Branch Manager

To visitors at the Downtown and Campus Libraries, Neal Starkey is a familiar face. He began as a TPCL page in 1994, became a Circulation supervisor, moved to the Reference Department and helped open the Campus Library. Neal earned a B.A. in anthropology at Purdue and his Master of Library Science degree from IUPUI in 2002. Neal's talents include teaching computer and Internet classes at the Campus Library, creating many of the signs for the Downtown Library, and planning adult programs.

If you have any questions, call 463-5895 or e-mail Neal at nstarkey@tcpl.lib.in.us.

Meet Melissa Delaney, Youth Librarian

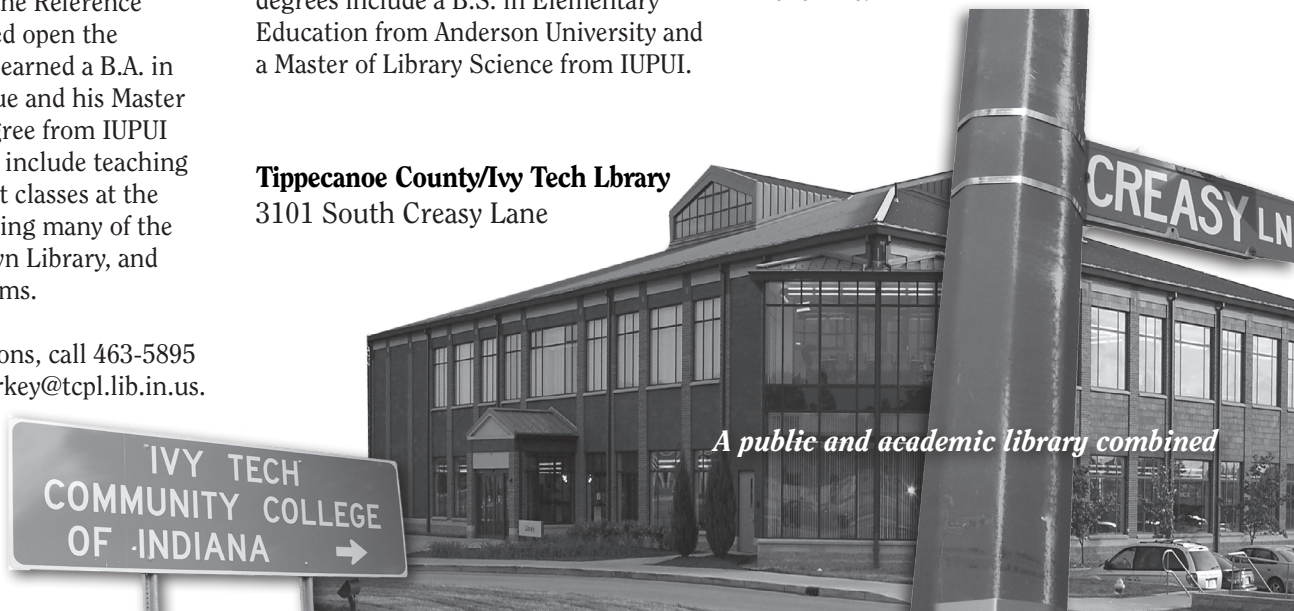
Melissa Delaney came to TCPL from the Anderson Public Library where she was an Assistant Children's Programmer for two years. Her degrees include a B.S. in Elementary Education from Anderson University and a Master of Library Science from IUPUI.

Campus Library: The Fast Lane For Southside Readers

At the intersection of Creasy Lane, Brady Lane and U.S. 52.

- From SR 26, less than four miles south on Creasy Lane.
- From 18th Street and 350 S. around six miles.
- From Tippecanoe Mall, less than one mile.

Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library
3101 South Creasy Lane



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