TIPPECANOE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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LIBRARY NEWS

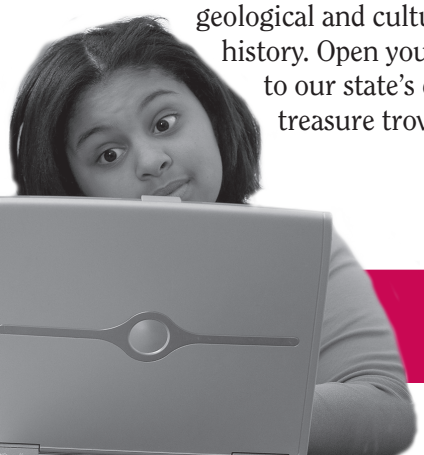
POCKET EDITION

Voters, Archaeologists & New Web Site @TCPL

Cast Your Vote
Thursday, September 4
7:00 p.m., teens & adults
Downtown Library
Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Meeting Rooms
This League of Women Voters program addresses the practicalities of voting. Learn about new procedures, equipment, locations, and more. Whether you're a first-time or seasoned voter, this is news you can use.

Note: Look for additional information and special displays at the Downtown, Campus and Klondike Libraries.

Digging Into the Past
The Fossil History of Indiana
Tuesday, September 16
7:00 p.m., all ages
Downtown Library
Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Meeting Rooms
Kat Burkhart from Crawfordsville's Carnegie Museum brings us fossils and artifacts from the museum's collection. Hear about Indiana's rich geological and cultural history. Open your eyes to our state's earthly treasure troves.



Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Gain access to thousands of books, movies, music CDs, and more. Enjoy free computer/Internet access in any TCPL library. Access TCPL online services and most electronic databases from home.

This September, just for signing up, new TCPL cardholders could also win a goodie bag of prizes. Names will be drawn and winners notified.

Anyone who lives in or owns property in Tippecanoe County is eligible for a card. Just bring your identification and proof of address (a utility bill or property tax receipt) to any TCPL library. To find out more call 765-429-0100.

Card Sign-Ups & County School Visits

Last September, the Mobile Library visited three Tippecanoe County schools and over 300 first graders proudly signed up for library cards.

"That was nearly a year ago!" said Angela Clements, Head Outreach Librarian. "That first-time effort was such a success, we're looking forward to signing up more first graders this year!"

New! TCPL Key Cards

Good news! If you always wanted a TCPL key chain card, you now can trade in your old card for a new key card for just $1. Each set includes a regular card and a key card. Starting September 2, key cards are available for $1 at TCPL.

Libraries Closed

All library facilities close September 1, Labor Day.
Always Online at www.tcpl.lib.in.us

Visit our new website. Explore the new site. Enjoy the new look, new info, new calendar, and more at www.tcpl.lib.in.us.

Science Rules, Robots Storm & Room Closes

Fall Into Science

Three programs. Three sessions. Three libraries salute NASA's 50th anniversary. Registration required for groups of five or more. Call 429-0119 or stop by any TCPL library.

Gravity. It works!

4:00-5:00 p.m.
Downtown: Wednesday, September 24
Campus: Thursday, October 23
Klondike: Tuesday, November 18

Join Newton, Einstein, Galileo and Aristotle in tackling the weighty issue of gravity. What is it? What is its role in our universe?

SpaceTime

4:00-5:00 p.m.
Campus: Thursday, September 18
Klondike: Tuesday, October 7
Downtown: Wednesday, November 12

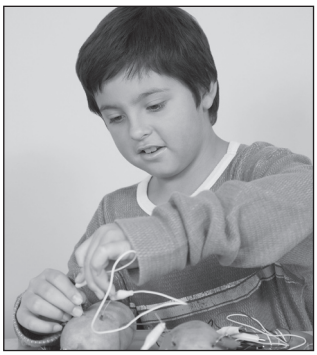
Explore the history of navigation and timekeeping. Learn about latitude, longitude, Greenwich Mean Time, and more. How do astronauts tell time on the International Space Station? Laser cooled atomic clocks!

Star Bright, Star Light

4:00-5:00 p.m.
Klondike: Tuesday, September 9
Downtown: Wednesday, October 29
Campus: Thursday, November 6

Explore the constellations. Delve into Greek mythology. Learn about the life cycle of stars.

Talk Like A Pirate Storytimes
Friday, September 19, 4:00 p.m.
Downtown, Klondike & Campus
Ahoy, lads and lassies! Cast off for the library, hear pirate stories, and set yourself down for a pirate craft.



Science Fair Success
Saturday, September 20
Downtown, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister Meeting Rooms
From nonfiction books and electronic resources, to creative ideas for award-winning posters, join us for a self-guided exploration of science fair project resources. Experiment with our "Learn in 10" sessions, a series of 10-minute demonstrations. Long enough to be effective. Short enough to avoid boredom.

Lego Challenge
Saturday, October 4, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Downtown Library, ages 8-12
Help design and construct a Lego® Mindstorm robot. Harrison Boiler Robotics challenge children ages 8-12. Learn basic Lego programming. Send a robot into competition. Registration required. Call 429-0119.

Fall Crafts
Saturday, October 25
Downtown, 2:30 p.m.
Ages 5 & up
Make colorful fall crafts. Decorate your bedroom window, door, and walls.

Downtown Youth Room Closes Monday, November 17

In 1989, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were a sensation. The Berlin Wall came down. Our president's dad was president.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen, *Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarino, and *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, were first published.

In 2008, the Downtown Library Youth Room closes for approximately two weeks. Out goes the old. In comes the new!

Check out the youth collections and Family Storytimes at the Campus Library and Klondike Branch. There are also youth materials on the Mobile Library. To find the nearest stop, check the map on the new web pages. Just click on "Mobile Library" at the top of the home page. Come December, we'll see you back downtown!

To register for Youth Programs call 429-0119 or visit any TCPL Youth Desk.
Visit our new web pages at www.tcpl.lib.in.us

Teens Travel & Storytimes Return

Teen Read Week

October 12-18
Come celebrate Teen Read Week at TCPL. Sink your teeth into books with bite. From vampire tales to computer bytes, we have books you can read – just for the fun of it!

Vote: Teen Top 10
Between October 12 and 18, don't forget to vote for the Teen Top Ten at: www.ala.org/teenstopten.

Boolean Doesn't Bite!
Monday, October 13
Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
Students 12+ and parents who enjoyed last year's "Search it. Find it. Use it." programs will find this advanced workshop equally useful. Refine your technique. Improve your results. Registration required. Call 429-0119.

Editor's note: "Boolean" searching refers to English Mathematician George Boole (1815-64).

Books With Bite
Thursday, October 16
7:00-8:00 p.m.
teens & adults
Devour Victorian vampire literature with Allan Hunter, Purdue graduate student. "This is a subject I'm dying to sink my teeth into," said Hunter.

Teen Library Club (TLC)
First Thursdays, ages 14-18
Thursday, September 4
Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 2
Klondike, 7:00 p.m.
The program, Cast Your Vote, is a special September meeting of the Teen Library Club. In October we'll hit the road. Meet you at the Klondike Branch!

Middle School Library Guild (m.s.L.G.)
Second Thursdays, ages 11-13
Thursday, October 9
Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
Can you say "bókasafn" quickly three times? Plunder books and Viking lore as we make the most of Leif Ericson Day!

Library Storytimes

For more information about storytimes, printed schedules are available at all TCPL libraries and on the web at www.tcpl.lib.in.us

Downtown

Lapsit, newborn to 24 months
Mornings: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Evenings: 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 9 & 23, October 14 & 28
Rhymes, finger plays, songs and more

Toddler Time, 24- to 42-month-olds
Mornings: 10:15 a.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Evenings: 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 2 & 16, October 7 & 21
Books, rhymes, crafts and more

Preschool Storytime, 3½- 6-year-olds
11:00 a.m., Tuesdays and 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
10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays
10:30 a.m., Fridays
Friends Program Room
Enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and fun for all ages.

Klondike

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

New! See the new TCPL web calendar! It's Always Online at www.tcpl.lib.in.us

Calendar

All TCPL programs are open to the public. Some programs require advance registration and tickets.
To find out more call 429-0100 or go to www.tcpl.lib.in.us

September

1 **Labor Day**, all libraries closed.
2 Evening Toddler Time, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
4 Cast Your Vote/TLC, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
8 Fireside Book Club, Klondike, 2:00 p.m.
9 Star Bright, Star Light, Klondike, 4:00 p.m.
Evening Lapsit, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
16 Evening Toddler Time, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
Digging Into The Past, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
17 Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
18 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
SpaceTime, Campus, 4:00 p.m.
Literary Writers Make Pirates Talk, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
19 Talk Like A Pirate Storytimes, Downtown, Campus & Klondike, 4:00 p.m.
20 Science Fair Success, Downtown, 2:30 p.m.
23 Evening Lapsit, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
24 Murder By The Book, Campus, 10:00 a.m.
Gravity. It works! Downtown, 4:00 p.m.
Pre-Inca Mining & Archeology, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.

October

2 Teen Library Club (TLC), Klondike, 7:00 p.m.
4 Lego Challenge, Downtown, 2:30 p.m.
6 Fireside Book Club, Klondike, 2:00 p.m.
7 SpaceTime, Klondike, 4:00 p.m.
Evening Toddler Time, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
9 Middle School Library Guild (m.s.Guild), Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
13 **Columbus Day**, all libraries open.
Boolean Doesn't Bite, Downtown, 2:00 p.m.
14 Evening Lapsit, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
Capturing the Soul of Indiana, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
15 TCPL @ Senior Fair, 9:00 a.m.
Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds
Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
16 Eclectic Book Club, Downtown, 10:00 a.m.
Books with Bite: Victorian Vampires, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
20 Interior Design, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
21 Evening Toddler Time, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
22 Murder By The Book, Campus, 10:00 a.m.
23 Gravity. It works! Campus, 4:00 p.m.
25 Fall Crafts, Downtown, 2:30 p.m.
28 Evening Lapsit, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
29 Star Bright, Star Light, Downtown, 4:00 p.m.
21st Century Ghost Hunting, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
30 Frankenstein & Pop Culture, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.

November – Sneak Preview

3 Fireside Book Club, Klondike, 2:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees, Downtown, 7:30 p.m.
4 **Election Day**, all libraries open.
Note: Only Klondike Branch is a Vote Center
Evening Toddler Time, Downtown, 6:30 p.m.
6 Star Bright, Star Light, Campus, 4:00 p.m.
Fiction Book Club, Downtown, 7:00 p.m.

Friends Sale: Books Galore

- Friday, September 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m., members only
- Saturday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 14, 1:00-6:00 p.m., all books half price
- Monday, September 15, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Books $2 a bag. Bags provided.

Shop online at www.tcpl.lib.in.us/friends-of-tcpl.

TCPL Friends Thank Mieher Family

The TCPL Friends received a large donation from the family of Robert Mieher. In addition to being a bibliophile, "Bob" Mieher was chairman of the Purdue Department of Physics from 1977 to 1988. He is survived by three sons, Walter, David, and Michael, plus three grandchildren.

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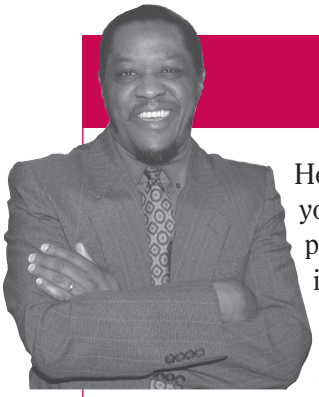
Director's Notes



How often have you heard the public library is "free?" Many people see our library as a great resource that is free and open to anyone who wants to use it.

In a recent column I calculated the value of the Tippecanoe County Public Libraries in relation to local property taxes. My intent was to help readers understand that property taxes are the most important funding component of the library's daily operations.

Just a quick review: local property taxes generate about 6 cents per $100 dollars of assessed valuation for TCPL, so each local property valued at $200,000 would account for about $120 per year in our operating budget. Because local property taxes are so essential to the library and its resources, it could be said "free" public libraries don't exist here.

A recent article I read suggested libraries that use the word "free" risk devaluing library services. Author Hillary Theyer wrote, "It's time to cease using the word 'free' in marketing our libraries."

I began to think: "Is it wrong to think of the public library as free? How do we put a value on our services and programs, especially a value local taxpayers can identify with?" In response to these questions, I offer the following approach.

Everyone knows the library circulates books, DVDs, music CDs, magazines, and other items. Many people know our services include providing Internet access and public meeting rooms, plus answering reference questions and arranging interlibrary loans. Finally, many library users enjoy our children's and adult programs that entertain and inform thousands of people every year. At the point of use, we don't collect a fee for any of these materials and services, so we all think of public libraries as "free."

If no longer considered free, what might these library offerings actually cost? Assigning a reasonable market value to all the materials, services, and programs we offer is one way to calculate the answer. For example, borrowing a library book might be $10, a movie $5, and an audio book $10. Using a meeting room might be $25 per hour, obtaining a book via interlibrary loan $20, and attending a children's program $5. Accessing the Internet might be $12 per hour, and asking reference questions, $8 per question.

Imagine the value one family library visit represents. Bringing a family of four to a children's program would be $20. Four people checking out 2 books each equals $80. Taking home 5 movies equals $25. This totals $125 for attending one program and checking out things to read and view.

What if two customers combined a meeting and a library visit? If each accessed the Internet, that is $24. If one of them picked up 3 items on an interlibrary loan, that equals $60 making their visit total $84. Any group using the meeting room for 3 hours would pay $75.

For some readers this may seem like a stretch. But it isn't. It is a realistic way to calculate the value of your library use. Each of the items or services above initiated costs for the library. Most library transactions involve items that have been purchased. But even items used only in the library require staff time to order, issue payment, catalog, and process.

Yes, the point of access to library materials, actually using our services, and attending library programs might be free at the time of use, but there are costs. Yes, property taxes absolutely pay for many costs.

Let's return to that article and author: "People think free things aren't expected to have an impact." I absolutely believe the library has a positive impact on users. I also believe we positively impact the cities and towns we serve. The resources we provide add to the quality of life throughout the county and often impact individuals in ways we may never know.

Now let's talk about you. For many people the value of a library is based on your own library experiences. We hope you find your local libraries are very useful and worthy of any tax dollars you expend. Perchance you will even stop thinking of the library as free, and join us in thinking it is priceless.

Jos N. Holman

Surprising Gifts, New Stops & Warm Welcomes

Tipmont REMC Grant for TCPL

Carol Stults, Head Youth Librarian; Nancy Myers, Tipmont REMC; David McGaughey, TCPL Foundation President (left to right)

The TCPL Foundation thanks the Tipmont REMC Operation Round Up Trust Board for a grant of $1750 for the downtown youth room renovation. The Round Up Trust results from participating members "rounding up" their electric bills to the nearest dollar.

The 2008 renovation plans include re-carpeting the room and renovating the restrooms. With your help, we'll also purchase new technologies, learning stations and furniture. To make a gift and find out more call Amy Paget, Assistant County Librarian, at 429-0101 or e-mail amypaget@tcpl.lib.in.us.

Klondike: $400 Gift

Thanks to Judge Johnson and Klondike Elementary School Fifth Grade Class!

"Judge Johnson came to one month's Honor Roll breakfast at my school and said he would give $100 to the best cause that would be detailed in a letter," wrote a fifth grader. "My class wrote a letter saying we would donate the money to the Klondike Library."

Klondike Elementary School librarians sponsor a Young Hoosier reading contest every year. All 170 fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to participate. The school, its school library, and the Klondike Branch sometimes struggle to fulfill demands for these award-winning books. The class researched the cost and decided to raise enough funds to buy all 20 intermediate category (grades 4-6) books.

"We made pledges and our parents pledged to donate some money," reported another fifth grader.

The students earned $188 in pledges. Judge Johnson returned, announced their class was the winner, and increased his contribution to match their pledges. Teacher Carol Goodrich then wrote her own check. The grand total was $400.

"The extra money was magnificent," wrote a fourth grader. "I hope it helps everyone grow."

Vote Center @ Klondike Branch
November 4; Voting hours are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Library open hours: 12:00-9:00 p.m.)

Mobile Library: Ageless Appeal

New schedules – TCPL's Mobile Library and Outreach Services serve people who can't otherwise get to the library. Our Fall schedule includes over 40 stops, plus information about Library Link Homebound services and monthly nursing home materials deliveries. New schedules are available at all TCPL libraries, online at www.tcpl.lib.in.us, or by calling 429-0192.

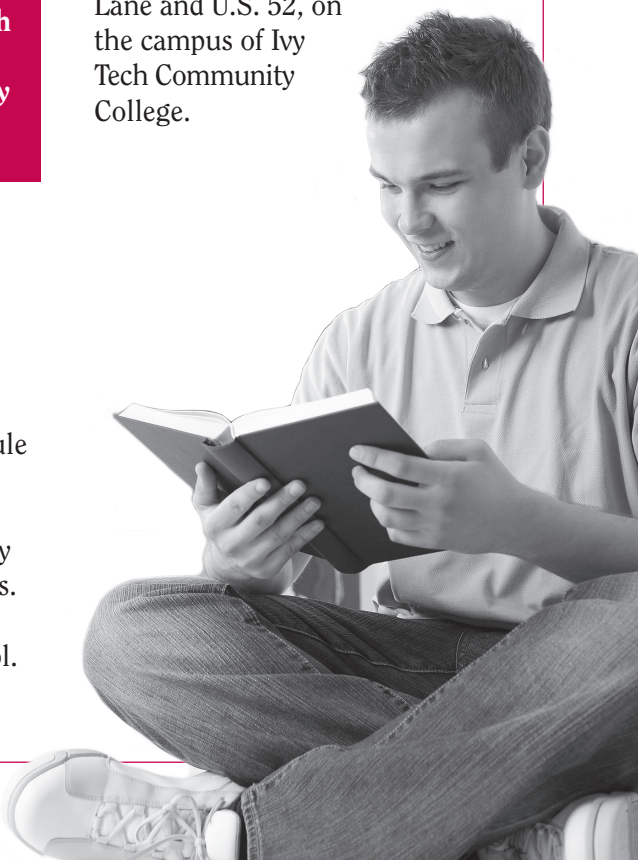
Mobile @ Senior Fair
Wednesday, October 15
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds

Campus: Customer Conveniences

Designated snack/cell phone area
Campus visitors can now relax with a snack for a chat. Look for the booths on the ground floor next to the movie collection.

New email express station
Parents now can quickly check their email while watching their children play, browse for books and attend library programs. Look for the express station in the youth area.

A public library with two purposes
The Tippecanoe County/Ivy Tech Library is unique. It's both a public and an academic library. Look for best-selling books, movies, music, and more. Located at the intersection of Creasy Lane, Brady Lane and U.S. 52, on the campus of Ivy Tech Community College.



Ancient Artifacts, Modern Interiors & Timeless Horrors.

How Do Literary Writers Make Pirates Talk?
Thursday, September 18
Downtown, 7:00 p.m.
Purdue professor Jill May uses James Barrie, Howard Pyle, even Gilbert and Sullivan to explain the pirate lexicon we all know and love. What's the origin of these old terms? Why, in today's high-tech cultures, do they still appeal?

Pre-Inca Mining & Archaeology (What Indiana Jones Movies Don't Teach)
Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.
Downtown, all ages
Kevin Vaughn from Purdue's Department of Anthropology explores his excavation of a 2,000-year-old iron mine originally worked by Peru's Nasca Indians. Learn about what today's movies leave out!

Capturing the Soul of Indiana: Photography Program
Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.
Downtown, teens & adults
Hear photographer and author John Bower talk about Indiana's disappearing past. This program includes his photos, the stories behind the pictures, a book sale and signing.

Photography by John Bower

Interior Design Solutions
Monday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.
Downtown, all ages
Catch up on the latest trends in home design. Discuss new window treatments. Shari Krockover can help you redecorate your home before holiday entertaining begins. A question and answer session follows.

21st Century Ghost Hunting
Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.
Downtown, teens & adults
The Lafayette Ghost Trackers demonstrate modern ghost hunting methods and equipment. Hear about local investigations. Tell us about your own experiences with the paranormal.

Frankenstein & Pop Culture
Thursday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.
Downtown, teens & adults
Allan Hunter, Purdue's ghoulish graduate student, discusses Mary Shelley's novel. See how her chilling story permeates modern thrillers and chillers in print and on film.

Book Clubs

Downtown Library

Eclectic Book Club
Meets third Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
September 18: *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett
October 16: *Lost German Slave Girl* by John Bailey

In Other Worlds: Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club
Meets third Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
September 17: *Charmed Sphere* by Catherine Asaro
October 15: *The Accidental Time Machine* by Joe Haldeman

Campus Library

Murder By The Book
Meets fourth Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
September 24: the Homer Kelly series by Jane Langton
October 22: the Keith Calder series by Gerald Hammond

Klondike

Fireside Book Club
Meets first Mondays, 2:00 p.m.
All ages welcome.
September 8: *Suite Français* by Irene Nemirovsky
October 6: *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold

News! Electronic Book Groups

For news about Book Clique and Faction Fiction, go to "Find A Good Book" on our new web site.

For more about Reference Department programs and services, call 429-0113 or visit www.tcpl.lib.in.us

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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
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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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Value Line and TCPL are committed to meeting your changing needs. This new database is generated by one of the world's largest independent research staffs of investment analysts and statisticians. The data includes performance analyses for around 8,000 stocks, 13,000 mutual funds, 80,000 options and more.

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