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LIBRARY NEWS

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY • FEBRUARY 2024

CHINS UP | HEARTS INVESTED | BRAINS ENGAGED

Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration

Mon., Jan. 15 | 11 a.m.

Keynote: Dr. Cornelius Bynum, Purdue University

Music: Blue Moon Rising Choir, Denise Wilson Director

Long Center For The Performing Arts | 111 N. 6th Street

Join friends, neighbors, students & local officials in a celebration. This annual downtown event features special speakers, music & discussions about Dr. King & civil rights in America. Enjoy light refreshments in a casual gathering after the program. For more about Dr. King & the King family, browse nearly 200 resources in the Tippecanoe County Public Library collections. Free & open to the public.

Resumé Workshop

Tues., Jan. 16 | Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

Drop in or sign up for a 30-minute, private session. Update your old resumé or get help drafting a new one. Explore the leading online job sites. Take home the latest insights and thought-provoking ideas!

Treat Yourself : Read | 2024 Family Read Aloud

Sign up: Feb. 1-17 | Read: Feb. 1-29

Saturday Special Programs | Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

Join us in celebrating 30 years of reading aloud together! Families of all ages read, listen & record their times. Bring your reading records to any TCPL branch. Earn fun prizes & surprises. Choices may be limited. Please claim prizes by Thurs., Feb. 29. For more programs & information, see page 2.

Sign-up Prize:	Bookmark
2 Hour Prize:	Small Toy
4 Hour Prize:	Community Coupon
6 Hour Prize:	Family Book
8 Hour Prize:	Tote Bag

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Pizza Hut

Reader Dogs

Wed., Jan. 3, 10, 17 & 24
Wyandotte | 4 p.m.

Drop in! Sign up to read to a trained therapy dog. Research indicates sharing stories with a furry friend is enjoyable for both, reduces feelings of anxiety & can boost a reader's self-confidence.

Healthy Living For Kids & Teens

Thurs., Jan. 4 & Feb. 1
Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

The Purdue Extension's mobile kitchen will be at the library with tips & activities just for kids & teens. Participate in fun experiments. Enjoy a little fact-finding. Learn to make some tasty DIY snacks.

Mondays Fundays

Downtown | 6 p.m.

The youth space is buzzing every Monday night. Families & school kids of all ages are invited to drop in for a variety of crafts & fun activities.

Jan. 8 Duct Tape Art
Jan. 15 Book Tasting Menu
Jan. 22 Yarn Art
Jan. 29 Sensory Toys
Feb. 5 '60s Peace Sign Mosaic
Feb. 12 '70s Pet Rocks
Feb. 19 '80s Friendship Pins
Feb. 26 '90s Games

Unsolved Mysteries

Downtown | 4 p.m.
Tuesdays | Grades K-5

Jan 9 Bigfoot
Jan. 16 Aliens & UFOs
Jan. 23 The Lost Colony Of Roanoke
Jan. 30 Exploring Conspiracies

Dive into some of the world's greatest unsolved mysteries. Examine the evidence. Can you discover something new? Let's talk!

STEM With Purdue Extension

Wed., Jan. 17 & Feb. 21
Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

Kids & teens team up with Purdue Extension educators. Their focus? A variety of STEM activities featuring challenging monthly topics. Purdue is a leader in science, technologies, engineering & mathematics (STEM).

Space Training

Thurs., Jan. 18 | Downtown
4 p.m. | Grades 2-5

Do you have what it takes to make it in space as an astronaut? Activities include crafts & a basic obstacle course.

Kids Nights x2!

Tuesdays | Wea Prairie | 5:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6-12 engage in one group activity. After that, all are welcome to have fun coloring, playing games & building with Legos®.

Jan. 23: Paper Fidget Toys
Feb. 27: Bracelet Weaving

Escape Rooms: Stranger Things

Wed., Jan. 24 | Thurs., Jan. 25
Downtown | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 10 & Up

Oh no! Steve gets pranked before his big date. Join us! Help scour Mike's basement or Steve will be mad! The boys hid his hair product. Groups are welcome. To sign up, call 429-1119 or stop by the Youth Desk.
*Registration requested.

Lego® Party

Sun., Jan. 28 | Klondike | 2 p.m.

Drop in & build. Kids grades K-5 with caregivers engage in creativity, problem-solving & constructive fun.

Little Scientists STEAM

Downtown | Wed., Jan. 31 | 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 1 | 10 a.m.

Caregivers with infants & kids up-to-age 5, explore the worlds of science, technology, engineering, art & math (STEAM). Each session offers interactive learning & challenges. Dress for hands-on experiments & possibly a small mess.

Family Read Aloud:
SPECIAL SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Pirate Tales: Histories For Kids

Feb. 3 | Klondike | 2 p.m.

Captain Taffy regales families with rollicking pirate tales. Hear about male & female pirates from countries around the world.

Treat Yourself To A Dance Party

Feb. 10 | Wea Prairie | 2 p.m.

Jim Stone from radio station Q106.7 talks about his job and how radio works. A dance party with Jim follows the discussion.

Live! Treat Yourself To A Dragon

Meet the dragon from the book *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin. Join us for stories, activities & photos with the dragon. Don't worry, he won't be given any spicy salsa.

Tues., Feb. 13 | Klondike | 6 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 14 | Wyandotte | 6 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 16 | Wea Prairie | 10:15 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 17 | Downtown | 2 p.m.

Columbian Park Zoo Visit

Sat., Feb. 24 | Wyandotte | 2, 3 & 4 p.m.

Join us for live animals & surprises!

For late-breaking news about 30th Anniversary Saturday Special Programs, visit any TCPL branch, click on tcpl.lib.in.us, call 429-0119 or check us out on Facebook.

For programs requesting registration call the branch or visit.

K5 Club

Downtown | Tuesdays | 4 p.m.
Grades K-5

Once a week join us in celebrating things we love about birthdays. Not born in February? Not to worry. Everybody can get together & celebrate here once a week.

Feb. 6 Birthday Party Games
Feb. 13 DIY Birthday Cards
Feb. 20 Cardboard Cake
Feb. 27 Surprise!

Tooth Fairy News

Wed., Feb. 7 | Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

February is Dental Health Month. The Tooth Fairy is here to share stories & activities from her world tooth travels. To help kids take care of their teeth, tips & toothbrushes also are offered.

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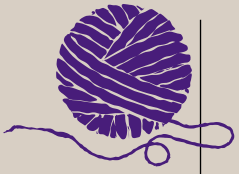
GRADES 6–12



Teen Nights

Tuesdays | Wea Prairie
5:30 p.m. | Ages 13-18
Jan 2: Finger Knitting
Feb 6: Garbage Sculptures

Monthly sessions start with a group activity. Then teens choose their own forms of fun. Games? Arts & crafts? You decide! Snacks provided.

See You At The Scene!

Wednesdays | Downtown | 4:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Scene! Join us for weekly after-school sessions. Hang out. Participate in winter games, crafts & activities created just for teens.

Jan. 3 DIY Marble Mug
Jan. 10 Cocoa Kitchen Game & Games
Jan. 17 Surprise Craft
Jan. 24 Escape Room: Stranger Things
Jan. 31 Winter Wonderland
Feb 7 Goth/Dark Academia
Feb 14 Cottagecore
Feb 21 Barbie
Feb 28 Gamer

Dungeons & Dragons®

Sat., Jan. 27 & Feb 10
Klondike | 3 p.m.

Teens ages 14-18 are invited to drop in for an afternoon of tabletop roleplaying & fantasy games. Whether you are an experienced player or new to the game, prepare for unique adventures & fun.

For programs requesting registration call the branch or visit.

Storytimes

Downtown

Lapsit
Birth - 24 Months | Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:30 a.m.

Toddler Time
2 - 3 ½ Years | Tuesdays, Wednesdays Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Storytime
3 ½ - 6 Years
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Stories Under The Sculpture
All Ages | Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.

Klondike

Family Storytime
Children | Thurs., Jan. 4-25 | Feb. 1-22
10:30 a.m.

Evening Family Storytime
Children & Caregivers
Tues., Jan. 9 & 23 | Feb. 2 & 20
6:30 p.m.

Lapsit
Babies & Caregivers
Mon., Jan. 8 & Feb. 12 | 10:15 a.m.

Wea Prairie

Family Storytime
Children & Caregivers
Mon., Jan. 8-29 | Feb. 5- 26
10:15 a.m.

Wyandotte

Storytimes | Kids 6 & Under
Thurs., | Jan. 5 & Feb. 2 | 11 a.m.

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

New! Bilingual Storytimes | Ricón de Lectura
Sat., Jan. 13 | Wea Prairie | 11 a.m.
Wed., Jan. 24 | Wea Prairie | 5:30 p.m.

Purdue Professor Brenda Sarmiento & students tell stories, share activities & assist with crafts. Discover connections between English & Spanish. Call 558-3002 or register at the branch.

Yoga & Mindfulness
Tues., Jan. 16 | Wea Prairie | 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy 30 minutes of movement, stretching & stories. Fun for ages 3 ½ & up with caregivers.

Valentine's Day Storytime & Crafts
Sat., Feb. 10 | Downtown | 3 p.m.

Join us for heartwarming stories about Valentine's Day. Get creative. Make your Valentine a surprise for February 14th.

January

2 **Finger Knitting**
Wea Prairie | 5:30 p.m.

4 **Healthy Living: Kids & Teens**
Wea Prairie | 6-7 p.m.

11 **New! To-Be-Read Book Group**
Main Street Books | 6:30 p.m.

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Wea Prairie | 11 a.m.

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Long Center for the Performing Arts
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Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

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Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

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Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

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27 **Dungeons & Dragons®**
Klondike | 3 p.m.

28 **Lego® Party** | Klondike | 2 p.m.

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Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

February

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Wea Prairie | 6-7 p.m.

3 **Pirate Tales: Histories For Kids**
Klondike | 2 p.m.

6 **Garbage Sculptures: Teens**
Wea Prairie | 5:30 p.m.

7 **Tooth Fairy News**
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

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Klondike | 6 p.m.

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Wyandotte | 6 p.m.

15 **Monday Funday: Book Tasting Menu** | Downtown | 6 p.m.

16 **Treat Yourself to a Dragon**
Wea Prairie | 10:15 a.m.

17 **Treat Yourself to a Dragon**
Downtown | 2 p.m.

20 **Resumé Workshop**
Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

21 **Puppet Storytime**
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

21 **STEM: Kids & Teens**
Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

22 **Puppet Storytime**
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

24 **Author Erin Hahn**
Downtown | 11 a.m.

24 **Columbian Park Zoo Visit**
Wyandotte | 2, 3 & 4 p.m.

26 **Free Advice For Your Device**
Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

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Wea Prairie | 5:30 p.m.

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Director's Notes

As the calendar turns, we look forward to celebrating a new year with family and friends. At TCPL, we are also celebrating by looking forward for two reasons. (1.) We are honoring a 16-year Board of Trustees member; and, (2.) we are celebrating the completion of a major milestone in the downtown renovation.

In this column, we sometimes honor Board of Trustee members who successfully complete 4-year terms. But in the 21 years of my administration, there have been less than ten individuals who have served all 16 years. On December 31, 2023, Mida Grover earned this distinction.

Mrs. Grover loyally served on the Board in several capacities: President, Vice President, and Secretary. For several years, she served as the liaison to the Friends of TCPL (adding another monthly evening meeting to her calendar). Mrs. Grover was also the chairperson of the Board's Personnel committee, proving to be a staunch advocate for TCPL staff members and their employment benefits.

In addition to her sense of humor, Mida contributed her diversity of thought, plus experiences as a high school teacher, counselor, and member of a union. Throughout the years, she took her responsibilities seriously and rarely missed a meeting, even when it meant having her granddaughter tag along or when Mrs. Grover suffered a personal family loss. Her dedication to TCPL did not waver.

It truly has been an honor and privilege to work alongside Mida. We honor her service and celebrate her years with TCPL. Her wisdom, support, and passion will long be remembered and valued.

The renovation milestone we celebrate is the transformation of the adult print collection from what is now described as "closed stacks" to a browsable collection. As you read this, library customers may freely roam the fiction and nonfiction stacks. With new carpet, brighter lighting, newly painted walls and some new doors, the completion of this section of the building is a pivotal point in the renovation project. It is rewarding to be done with another phase!

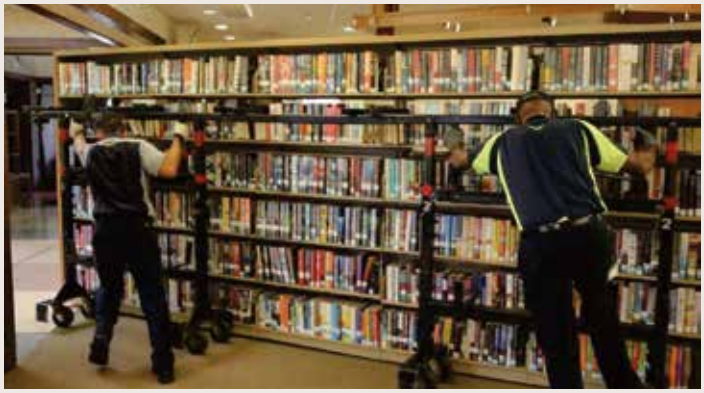
In early January, The Swezey Room of Indiana History and the Family Memory Suite also reopen. Staff from Adult Services and Administrative offices also will return to their refurbished offices.

In fact, as we look to a July 31 completion of the entire renovation, achieving these milestones puts us in a countdown mode.

Indeed, this new year is a dual celebration. Mida is the last Board member connected to the 2006 vision to build branches and then to renovate the Downtown Library. She will still enjoy seeing that vision completed.

We hope to continue offering our traditional storytimes and all-ages programs throughout the winter.

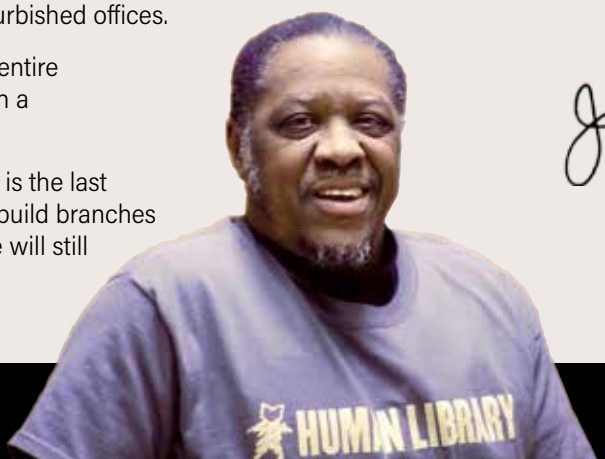
As amazing as it sounds, the books stay in order on the moving shelves!



Turning the Board calendar, a new community member will be appointed. New opportunities, new board dynamics, and new visions for the library may occur.

As the renovation calendar turns, work in the Youth Services area will begin. This new phase starts with another temporary wall installation. Instead of the youth materials being relegated to "closed stacks," we will move the collection to the northwest side of the building. Doing this allows the broadest possible access.

Please continue to have patience with us as we continue to turn the calendar. What additional celebrations and honors are planned for 2024? Take a turn with us and see!



Jos N. Holman

24 TEMPTATIONS FOR 2024

TCPL staff members are always on the lookout for great reads. Our generous collections include something for everyone. To place a hold & pick up at any branch, click this QR code.

1 ***A Living Remedy***
by Nicole Chung

2 ***Battle Dragons***
by Alex London

3 ***Beasts of a Little Land***
by Juhea Kim

4 ***Crook Manifesto***
by Colson Whitehead

5 ***Drowning***
by T. J. Newman

6 ***Kind of a Big Deal***
by Saul Austerlitz

7 ***Lady Tan's Circle of Women***
by Lisa See

8 ***Medieval Calligraphy***
by Marc Drogin

9 ***Oscar Wars: A History of Hollywood in Gold, Sweat, and Tears***
by Michael Schulman

10 ***Poverty, by America***
by Matthew Desmond

11 ***Red: A Crayon's Story***
by Michael Hall

12 ***Remarkably Bright Creatures***
by Shelby Van Pelt

13 ***Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond The Clock***
by Jenny Odell

14 ***The Bandit Queens***
by Parini Shroff

15 ***The Celebrants***
by Steven Rowley

16 ***The House on Mango Street***
by Sandra Cisneros

17 ***The Idea of You***
by Robinne Lee

18 ***The True Love Experiment***
by Christina Lauran

19 ***The Water Bears***
by Kim Baker

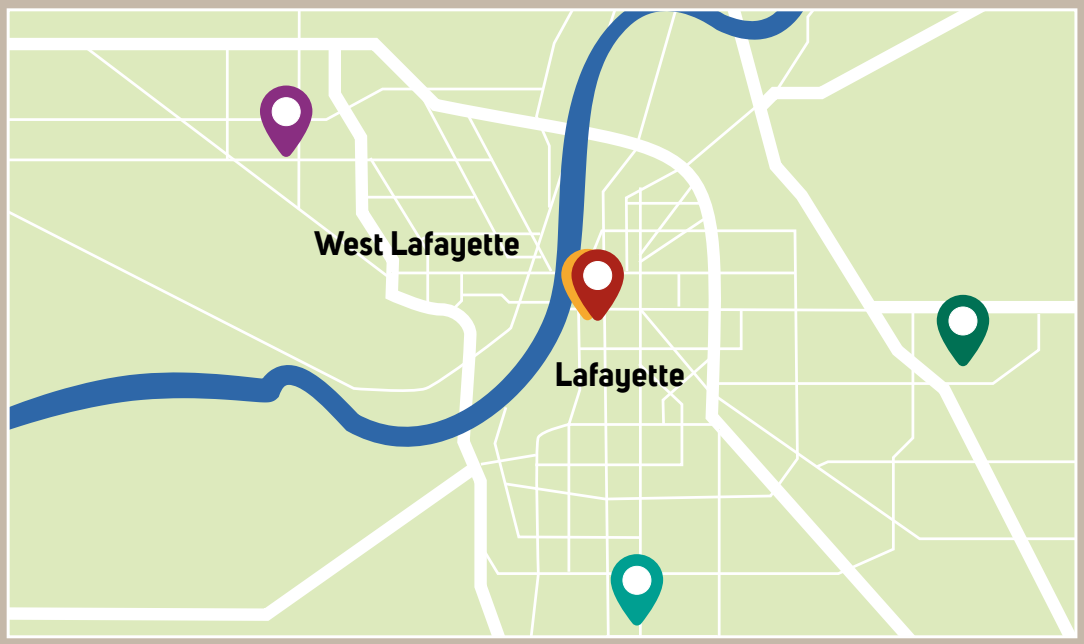
20 ***The Wishing Game***
by Meg Shaffer

21 ***Thistlefoot***
by Gennarose Nethercott

22 ***Tombs***
by Junji Ito

23 ***Unforgettable Logan Foster***
by Shawn Peters

24 ***Verity***
by Colleen Hoover



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Downtown Library
627 South St.
Lafayette

Klondike Library
3602 Lindberg Rd.
West Lafayette

Wea Prairie Library
4200 S. 18th St.
Lafayette

Wyandotte Library
5542 E. 50 S.
Lafayette

24-Hour Library
605 South St.
Lafayette (inside the mini-museum)

NEW

To-Be-Read Book Group

Thurs. | Jan. 11 & Feb. 8 | 6:30 p.m.

Main Street Books | 426 Main Street

Most readers have a TBR list. Many enjoy talking about the books they read, rather than reading from prescribed lists. This monthly group meets the 2nd Thursday at Main Street Books. Each participant reads the book of their choice, then shares their thoughts with the group.

Resumé Workshops

Tues., Jan. 16 & Feb. 20

Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

Questions about how to create or update a resumé? Need help navigating online job applications? Trained staff members are available to help. Sign up for a 30-minute private session online at https://tcpl.evanced.info/signup/, stop by the Information Desk, or call 429-0113.

Free Advice For Your Device

Mon., Jan. 22 & Feb. 26

Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

Drop in. Bring your mobile device. Brand new smartphone or not-so-new laptop? Questions about Libby, Hoopla & kanopy welcomed. Get tips on library apps and more. No registration required.

Erin Hahn

Author Talk & Book Signing | Teens & Adults

Sat., Feb. 24 | Downtown | 11 a.m.

Michigan author Erin Hahn is critically acclaimed for her young adult and adult romantic comedies. *You'd Be Mine*, *More Than Maybe*, and *Built to Last* are three examples of the warmth and humor she captures for her stories about modern relationships. A book sale and signing follows the program.

Tech Tutorial

Wyandotte

Tues., Jan. 9-30 | Feb. 6-27 | 11 a.m.

Fri., Jan. 12-26 | Feb. 2-23 | 4 p.m.

Do you have new technologies and need help setting up? Do you have questions about software programs or social media platforms? Interested in TCPL downloadables? Register online or call (765) 447-4774.

"I think that when you can escape into a book it trains your imagination to think big and to think that more can exist than what you see." **Taylor Swift**

Book Groups

Sweet & Spicy Romance

Mon. | Klondike | 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 8: *Lunar Love*, Lauren Kung Jessen

Feb. 12: *On Rotation*, Shirley Obuobi

New! To-Be-Read Book Group

Main Street Books, Lafayette | 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 11 & Feb. 8: Individually chosen books are read in advance, then discussed by participants in a group setting at this downtown bookstore.

Fantasy & Sci-Fi

Third Tues. | Wyandotte | 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 16: Ray Bradbury

Feb. 20: Marie Brennan

Eclectic

Third Thurs. | Downtown | 10 a.m.

Jan. 18: *The Exceptions* by Kate Zernike

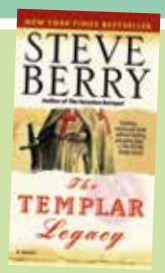
Feb. 15: *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Murder By The Book

Fourth Wed. | Wyandotte 10:15 a.m.

Jan 24: Steve Berry 'Cotton Malone' series

Feb 28: Tim Dorsey 'Serge Storm' series



Book Life - Now @ Klondike!

Mon. | Jan. 22 & Feb. 26 | 10:15 a.m.

Adults with disabilities & caregivers read, listen & do fun activities.

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Lafayette, IN 47909
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Lafayette, IN 47905
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Monday-Thursday | 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday | 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday | 1-5 p.m.

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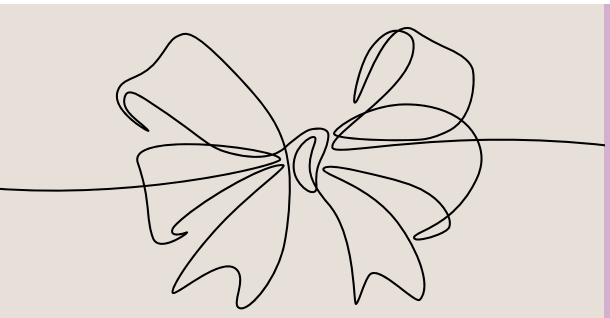

A Gift To Be Heard!

Each year, we send a letter to friends & neighbors. It specifies an important goal. This year's goal: a hearing loop system. With your gifts, we will purchase & install this assistive technology system in the McAllister Meeting Rooms. It helps people with hearing aids to more fully participate in meetings & programs.

Thanks to your generosity we are close to the $30,000 needed.

To make a gift or find out more, contact County Librarian Jos N. Holman at (756) 429-0118.

TCPL Friends' Online Sales

Did you know the Friends have two online shopping options? To browse current items, visit their Amazon shop and ebay store.

SHOP AMAZON

SHOP EBAY

The Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library is a not-for-profit organization created to act as a support and advocacy system for the Tippecanoe County Public Library. To find out more, visit https://tcplfriends.org

Library Schedule

All branches open

Mon., Jan. 15
MLK Day

Mon., Feb. 19
Presidents' Day

TCPL Board Meetings

Tuesdays | Jan 2 & Feb 6
7 p.m.