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LIBRARY NEWS

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH • APRIL • MAY 2024

SUN'S UP | PEDAL'S DOWN | ADVENTURES AHEAD!

March Madness Bracket Night

Mon., March 18 | Downtown | 6 p.m.

The women's & men's 2024 NCAA Basketball Tournament brackets are released Sunday, March 17. Join us & make your own forecasts. Share game histories & personal memories. Explore online resources that help predict 2024 outcomes. Blank brackets for women & men are provided. All ages are encouraged to share Final Four & Championship picks. Expect fun & lively discussions!

Afternoon With An Astrophysicist

Sun., April 7 | Klondike | 3 p.m. | Kids & Families

Catie Slaughter, Master of Astrophysics & doctoral candidate, demonstrates the phases, timing, & locations of the planets during this solar eclipse. Audience comments & questions are welcome.

History of Tippecanoe County Libraries

Wed., April 17 | 6-8 p.m.

Tippecanoe County Historical Society

522 Columbia St., Lafayette

Learn the history of Tippecanoe County's libraries with speakers from TCPL, West Lafayette Public Library & Otterbein Public Library. In addition to hosting the program, historic artifacts & photos will be on display at the Tippecanoe County Historical Association's History Center, located at 522 Columbia Street. Free & open to the public.

Live! Eclipse Viewing

Downtown | Klondike | Wea Prairie | Wyandotte

Mon., April 8 | 1:15-4:30 p.m.

People of all ages are invited to join us for live-stream viewings of the eclipse in our meeting rooms. Outside viewing with special eclipse glasses is also an option. Eclipse crafts & coloring sheets are provided. See the whole eclipse or just drop in for a while!

Summer Reading Clubs Begin!

Sign up: May 28 – July 1

Read & Record: May 28-July 31

Programs start Monday, June 3!

Monday Fundays

Downtown | 6 p.m. | Grades K-12

Drop in & get hands-on with crafts & challenging family activities.

March 18: Paper Airplane Competition

March 25: Stencil Art

April 1: Jokes & Riddles

April 8: Spy Training

April 15: Perler Beads

April 22: Weird Science

April 29: Parachute Games

K5 Club

Tuesdays | Downtown | 4 p.m.

Grades K-5

Enjoy something for everyone! In addition to planned activities, kids & caregivers are free to be original!

March 19: Coloring & Stories

March 26: Board Games

Reader Dogs

Wed., March 20-27 | Wea Prairie

4-5 p.m.

Drop in & sign up. Read to a trained therapy dog. Sessions available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Healthy Living For Kids & Teens

Thursdays | April 4 | Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

Purdue Extension's mobile kitchen returns with more healthy activities & ideas for families of all ages. Everyone's invited to gather in the kitchen for quick, easy & nutritious ideas.

STEM With Purdue Extension

Wednesdays | March 20 & April 17

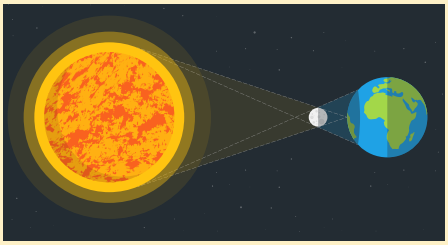
Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

"STEM" is short for science, technology, engineering & math. Kids, teens & Purdue Extension educators meet up at the library to tackle a variety of challenges. Experience different STEM skills.

Tween Mario Kart® Party

Wed., March 27 | Klondike | 3 p.m.

The first 12 tweens to register get to play Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch™ at the library. Register online at https://tcpl.evanced.info/signup/, visit the branch, or call (765) 463-5893.



Star Power & The Eclipse

Downtown

Wed., March 27 | 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., March 28 | 3 p.m.

A solar eclipse is coming. Two programs offer out-of-this-world activities & stories for sun lovers & star gazers. Safety tips about how to observe the eclipse are included.

Bingo Extravaganza

Fri., March 29

Downtown | 2 p.m.

Time for a Spring Break celebration! Ages 5 & up are invited to play, win prizes & experience the joy of yelling, "Bingo!"

Rodent Rumble

Wed., April 3 | Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

Families & kids of all ages rumble with favorite rodent friends in honor of their special day—World Rodent Day. Participants dance & craft with Mickey, Minnie, Remy, Stanley, Jerry, Max, Ruby & others.

Disaster Science – Tuesdays

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

Sudden, surprising & challenging are just three ways to define a "disaster." Every Tuesday this creative afterschool program for kids & caregivers features a different disaster. We plan the activities. You provide the solutions!

April 9: Droughts

April 16: Oil Spills

April 23: Earthquakes

April 30: Thunderstorms & Hurricanes

National Library Week Book Tasting

Thurs., April 11 | Downtown

4-7 p.m. | All Ages

Everyone is invited to drop in & enjoy a "tasting" of different books & genres. Browse library collections featuring books for many interests & all ages.

Little Scientists STEAM

Downtown | Babies-Age 5

Wed., April 24 | 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 25 | 10 a.m.

Get hands-on with science, technology, engineering, art & math (STEAM). Experiment & learn. Things can get a bit messy. Maybe dress for fun!

BINGO

For programs requesting registration call the branch or visit.

Money For Nothing Special Storytime

Sat., April 27 | Downtown | 3 p.m.

This fun program for kids is all about money, how to handle it & ways to save.

May The 4th Be With You

Sat., May 4 | Downtown | 3 p.m.

Celebrate Star Wars with themed activities & crafts.

Scrapbooking For Kids

Mon., May 20 | Downtown | 6 p.m.

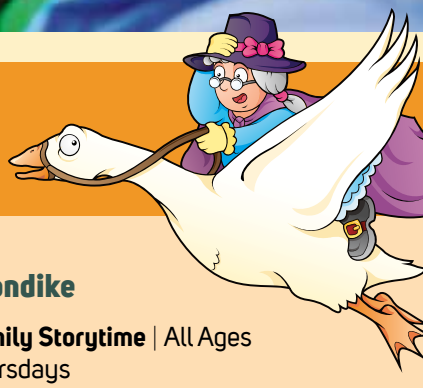
Express yourself on the page: learn the basics of scrapbooking! We will provide the materials for you to get creative.

For kids & teens.

Kids Summer Reading Club Begins

Sign up: May 28 – July 1.
Free programs at all locations.

Storytimes



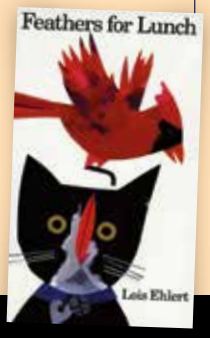
Downtown McAllister Meeting Room A

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.

Saturday Stories | All Ages
March 16-30
April 6-27 | 10:30 a.m.



Klondike

Family Storytime | All Ages
Thursdays
March 21-28 | April 4-25 | 10:15 a.m.

Lapsit | Babies & Caregivers
Mondays | April 15 | 10:15 a.m.

Evening Family Storytime | All Ages
Tuesdays | March 26 | April 9 & 23
6:30 p.m.

Wyandotte

Family Storytimes
Kids 6 & Under With Caregivers
Fridays | April 5 | 11 a.m.

Teen Programs On Page 6

March

18 **March Madness Bracket Night**
Downtown | 6 p.m.

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

20 **STEM: Purdue Extension**
Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

21 **Success With Houseplants: Purdue Extension** | Wea Prairie | 6:30 p.m.

23 **Dungeons & Dragons**
Klondike | 3 p.m.

23 **Pre-Eclipse Tips & Tricks**
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FIND EVEN MORE PROGRAMS ON KIDS & TEENS PAGES!

April

3 **Rodent Rumble**
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

4 **Rodent Rumble**
Downtown | 10 a.m.

4 **Healthy Living: Purdue Extension**
Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

6 ***I'm Good! I'm Fine!*** Author Sara Jane Coffman | Wea Prairie | 2 p.m.

7 **Afternoon With An Astrophysicist**
Klondike | 3 p.m.

8 **View Eclipse** | Downtown, Klondike, Wea Prairie & Wyandotte
1:15-4:30 p.m.

9 **Purging Paper Files: Extension Tuesday** | Wea Prairie | 2 p.m.

11 **National Library Week: Book Tasting** | Downtown | 4-7 p.m.

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

16 **Money Smart Week: Buy A Car**
Wyandotte | 6:30 p.m.

17 **STEM: Purdue Extension**
Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

18 **Invasive Plants: Purdue Extension**
Klondike | 6:30 p.m.

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Klondike | 3 p.m.

24 **Little Scientists**
Downtown | 6:30 p.m.

25 **Little Scientists**
Downtown | 10 a.m.

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

25 **Autism 101: Adults**
Wea Prairie | 6:30 p.m.

27 **Storytime: Money For Nothing**
Downtown | 3 p.m.

May

4 **Free Comic Book Day Swap**
Downtown | 12-2 p.m.

4 **May The 4th Be With You**
Downtown | 3 p.m.

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

14 **Maintaining Order: Extension Tuesday** | Wea Prairie | 6:30 p.m.

16 **Successful Lawns: Purdue Extension** | Wyandotte | 6:30 p.m.

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Downtown | 6 p.m.

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Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

30 **Get To Know NoveList**
Downtown | 6 p.m.

Director's Notes

As we often say, "exciting times at TCPL." Of course, our excitement increases as another phase of renovation nears completion and we head into spring. May 1 is the date we hope to complete the Youth Room. We then move on to the final phase of the project. It encompasses the meeting rooms, women's restroom, and parking lot entrances.

We are literally counting down each month. Barring unexpected delays, the total renovation will be done by July 31!

This work has been challenging in many ways. Certainly, keeping the library open to customers was an early goal. So far, though some areas were inaccessible at specific times, we have been able to stay open. At times, access to some downtown collections has been limited. But currently, customers have access to the youth and adult print and non-print collections.

Because of alternative uses for some meeting rooms, fewer adult and youth programs are being conducted downtown. But this challenge created an opportunity for downtown youth librarians to share programs at our three newer branches. In the process, families countywide got to experience the styles and talents of various staff who traditionally work at the Downtown Library.

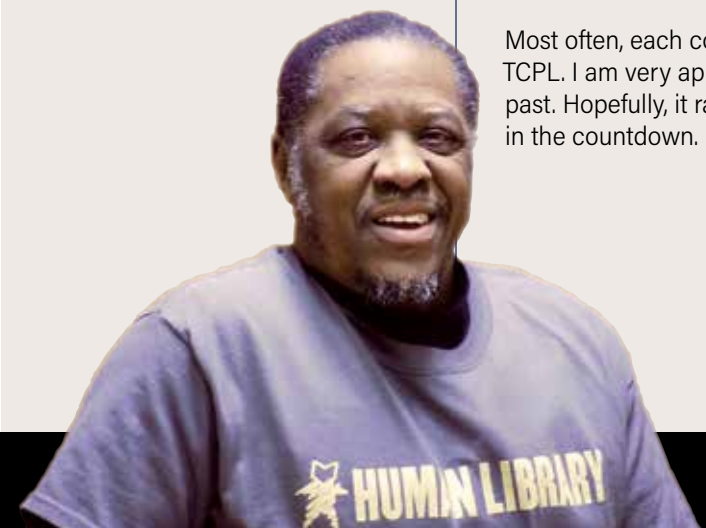
With this project, financing the renovation with available funds was a large and ongoing challenge. The initial construction bid was over $8 million. We managed to reduce it to $6 million. That amount still surpassed the $5.575 million general obligation bond. Thanks to the commitment and a February gift of $500,000 approved by the TCPL Foundation Board of Directors, this financial challenge was overcome. The Foundation's support of the renovation was rewarding and helped signify TCPL is on the right track. We are forever grateful for their gift.

We are equally grateful to individuals who have supported the renovation with gifts to the annual appeal over the past two years. Each gift was reassuring. As an administrator, I was glad our donors thought the costs were justifiable and the renovation's timing and scope were appropriate.

Speaking of timing, according to my computer and the numbered file name each column receives, this is the 100th director's column. It's been a privilege to write these during my 22 years of service as the County Librarian! I must confess back in 2002, I would have never envisioned writing a 100th column. In and of itself, that sounds like an astounding feat. More so, I consider it a blessing of time and a reasonable use of my mental faculties. Although I cannot remember all the details in most columns, there are some memorable moments. Examples include announcing the retirement of various Board of Trustee members after 16 years of service! And, I'll always remember the column sharing my service on the Newbery Award Committee (for authors of American literature for children).

Most often, each column was an update, from my perspective, of what is happening at TCPL. I am very appreciative you took the time to read this column and maybe others in the past. Hopefully, it raises your awareness of what we do at TCPL. Right now, please join us in the countdown. It is real, and the time for celebrating is nearly here!

Jos N. Holman



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GRADES 6–12

For programs requesting registration call the branch or visit.

TeenScene – Grades 6-12

Wednesdays | Downtown | 4:30 p.m.

See You At The Scene! Teens drop in for games, crafts, or to just hang out. Sessions start with a theme. You add favorite games & activities.

March 20:	Doodle Day
March 27:	Board Games
April 3:	Solar Eclipse Crafts
April 10:	RPG Adventure
April 17:	Poetry Activity
April 24:	Polly Surprise!
May 1:	DIY Viking Ship
May 8:	Sand Jars
May 15:	Tetris Puzzle
May 22:	Suncatcher
May 29:	Games Day

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays | Klondike | 3 p.m.

March 23 | April 20 | May 18

Enjoy role-playing & fantasy adventures. Eight player limit. Register at https://tcpl.evanced.info/signup/, stop by, or call 463-5893. Ages 14-18.

Tween Mario Kart® Party

Wed., March 27 | Klondike | 3 p.m.

Players compete in racing games & experiment with the Nintendo Switch™. Compare characters & courses from the Mario series. Twelve player limit. Register at https://tcpl.evanced.info/signup/, stop by, or call 463-5893.

Teens Summer Reading Club Begins!

Read & listen. Record your time. Earn prizes. Participate in fun programs.

Wanted: Teen Volunteers

Ages 12-18 | Apply April 8-May 15

All Branches | Apply at any TCPL branch or https://tcpl.lib.in.us/.

The 2024 Summer Reading Club needs you. Two-hour shifts available, M-F.

Book Groups

Sweet & Spicy Romance

Monday | Klondike | 6:30 p.m.

April 8 | *Heartbreaker*, Sarah MacLean

May 13 | *Fangirl*, Rainbow Rowell

TBR Book Group

Main Street Books
426 Main St., Lafayette

Thursday | April 11 | May 9 | 6:30 p.m.

Most readers have a To-Be-Read (TBR) list. Join us & discuss books you choose. No prescribed list.

Fantasy & Sci-Fi

Tuesday | Wyandotte | 6:30 p.m.

March 19 | Mary Robinette Kowal

April 9 | T Kingfisher

May 21 | Peter Watts

Eclectic

Thursday | Downtown | 10 a.m.

March 21 | *When Breath Becomes Air*, Paul Kalanithi

April 18 | *Lucky Jim*, Kingsley Amis

May 16 | *A Walk In The Woods*, Bill Bryson

Book Life

Monday | Klondike | 10:15 a.m.

March 25 | April 22 | May 20

Adults with disabilities & caregivers read, listen & participate in fun activities.

Murder By The Book

Wednesday | Wyandotte | 10:15 a.m.

March 27 | 'Bill Slider' series, Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

April 24 | 'Kate Shackleton' series,Frances Brody

May 22 |'Mickey Haller' series, Michael Connelly

Spring Renewals: Purdue Extension

Tuesdays | Wea Prairie | 6:30 p.m.

April 9: Purging Paper Files

May 14: Maintaining Order

Review & Renew! Extension Educator Brock Turner offers ways to organize belongings, prioritize files & retain what's essential. Explore de-cluttering strategies, discuss emotions, & review storage options to maintain your new order.

Resumé Workshops

Tuesdays | Downtown | 2-4 p.m.

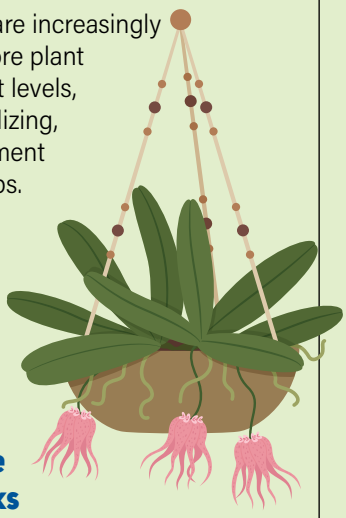
March 19 | April 16 | May 14 & 28

Creating resumes, drafting applications, or navigating online listings? Try a coaching session with a librarian. Stop by, call 429-0113, or go to https://tcpl.evanced.info/signup. Registration is encouraged.

Success With Houseplants: Purdue Extension

Thurs., March 21 | Wea Prairie | 6:30 p.m.

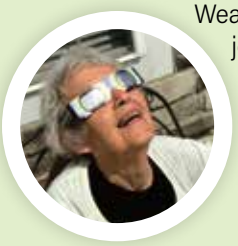
Houseplants are increasingly popular. Explore plant selection, light levels, watering, fertilizing, pest management & repotting tips.



Pre-Eclipse Tips & Tricks

Sat., March 23 | Wea Prairie | 2 p.m.

George Wyncott from the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society offers insights about local viewing for the April 8 solar eclipse. Learn how to watch it safely. Weather permitting, join an outdoor demonstration of daytime astronomy.



Tech Tutorials

Wyandotte

Fri. | March 22-29 | April 5-26 | 4 p.m.

Tues. | March 19-26 | April 2-23 | 11 a.m.

Discuss various devices, TCPL downloadables & social media usage. Knowledgeable staff members will meet in one-to-one sessions. Sign up at https://tcpl.evanced.info/signup, stop by, or call 447-4774.

I'm Good! I'm Fine! Author Sara Jane Coffman

Sat., April 6 | Wea Prairie | 2 p.m.

Local author Sara Jane Coffman and four actors read stories from her latest book, *I'm Good! I'm Fine! (And Other Things I Tell Myself)*. Book sale & signing follows.

National Library Week Book Tasting

Thurs., April 11 | Downtown | 4-7 p.m.

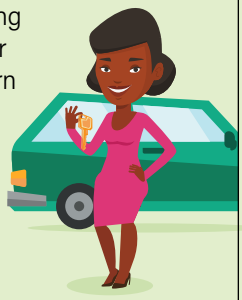
Dine with us & enjoy a tasting of different genres in celebration of National Library Week. Books for all ages will be available for sampling.

Car Buying Tips – Teens & Adults

Presenter: PEFCU Financial Counselor Leah Gutierrez | Tues., April 16

Wyandotte | 6:30 p.m.

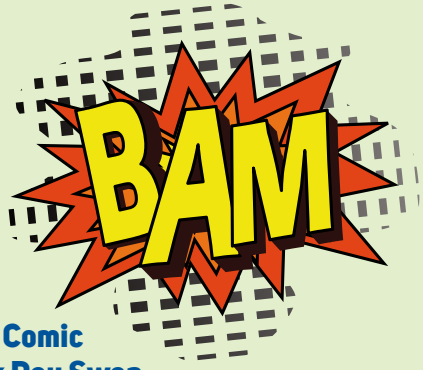
With changing interest rates & higher prices, it's important to know how to navigate the car buying process, especially for first-time buyers. Learn how to decide on your budget, figure out total costs & avoid paying more than necessary.



Autism 101

Thurs., April 25 | Wea Prairie | 6 p.m.

Rachel Deaton of the Autism Society of Indiana highlights the behavioral, communications & social challenges people with autism often experience. Helpful everyday strategies offered. Audience questions welcomed!



Free Comic Book Day Swap

Sun., May 5 | Downtown | 12-2 p.m.

Bring your comic books to trade & get to know follow collectors. No money will be exchanged, All trades are FREE.

Get To Know NoveList

Thurs., May 30 | Downtown | 6 p.m.

Join an overview of the NoveList database. Discover new books & authors. Learn more about favorite literary genres. Explore reading-appeal factors & mixes.

Lawn & Garden: Purdue Extension

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m.

April 18 | Invasive Plants | Klondike

Invasive plants impact natural ecosystems. Get tips on plant identification & control measures. Create a removal plan. You can make a difference!

May 16 | Successful Lawns | Wyandotte

Types of turf, mowing, irrigation, fertilization, pest control & overall design will be discussed.

Adults Summer Reading Club Begins

Sign up: May 28 - July 1

Participating adults may qualify for a prize drawing!

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(765) 429-0100

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3062 Lindberg Road
West Lafayette, IN 47906
(765) 463-5893

Wea Prairie Branch
4200 S. 18th Street
Lafayette, IN 47909
(765) 588-3002

Wyandotte Branch
5542 E. 50 S.
Lafayette, IN 47905
(765) 447-4774

Hours Downtown
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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Sunday | 1-5 p.m.

Always Available Online
www.tcpl.lib.in.us

24-Hour Library
605 South Street, Lafayette
(Inside Red Crown Mini-Museum)

TCPL Outreach & Vehicle
https://tcpl.lib.in.us/tcploutreach/
(765) 429-0100

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Two TCPL Friends Sales!

Friends' All Ages Sale

Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds
1406 Teal Road
Friday | April 19 | 7-9 p.m.| Members Only
Saturday | April 20 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Open To Public
Sunday | April 21 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
50% Off Or $8/Bag

Friends Kids' Book Sale

Saturday | May 4 | Kids Materials
Wea Prairie | 4200 S. 18 Street
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Questions? www.tcpl.lib.in.us/friends-of-tcpl

Library Schedule

All TCPL libraries are closed:

Sun., March 31 | Easter

Mon., May 29 | Memorial Day

Board of Trustees

Downtown | 7 p.m.

Tues., April 2 | May 8