

What's Something Your Library Did Last Year That You're Proud Of?

2024 – 2025 Edition



Adams Public Library System

- We are very proud of our Outreach programs - to 46 Amish schools, 10 preschools and daycares, and a retirement facility in Decatur. Our outreach program to the Amish schools visits 46 schools on a rotating basis to drop off collections of books for their classroom use. The program is grant funded. Storybook Express visits day cares and preschools in Adams County. Finally, staff visit assisted living and independent living at Woodcrest retirement facility weekly.



Akron Carnegie Public Library

- We are proud to offer a large variety of quality programming at our small library, including Second Seasons: a chair-exercising program designed for older adults. Participants can enjoy the fellowship of others as they work on exercises which can improve their strength, balance, and their mobility. Our classes offer a variety of unique workouts, which may include live in-person instructors, video instructors and/or cardio-drumming. We've received a lot of great testimonials from our participants and believe that this program is truly meeting a real need in our community.

Alexandrian Public Library

- In 2025, we unveiled our new Seed Library, redesigned and rebranded our marketing materials, began educating staff on AI, crafted architectural plans for our new outdoor playscape, and absolutely KILLED IT with programs this year, including a seasonal "tentpole" event (Be Kind Bash, SRC Kickoff, Boo Bash, and Winter Family Fun Fair), as well as evening and weekend programming like adult crafts, trivia Tuesdays, travelogues, musical mornings, puzzle races, a craft fair, our SRC Splash Bash, an Art Cafe, and OH, so many great programs for all ages!





Allen County Public Library

- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library enrolled more than 8,000 children in its first year, making ACPL one of the fastest-growing affiliates nationwide. We secured funding and began design work for the first phase of our Facilities Master Plan. Library Card Sign Up Month featured limited-edition Icy D. Eagle cards, and we opened three new StoryScape early literacy play spaces. Our One County, One Book community read program highlighted *Differ We Must*, with author Steve Inskeep speaking to a "sold out" in-person audience and hundreds of livestream viewers.



Attica Public Library

We celebrated our
120th anniversary!



(Featuring Katniss Evergreen, Library Cat)

Aurora Public Library District

- We are proud of getting PERF going for our full-time staff and purchasing service credit for them!





Batesville Memorial Public Library

2025 has been the year of construction for the Batesville Memorial Public Library. Groundbreaking on our new Arts & Innovation Hub began in June. We are able to fund the project through a \$6.1 million bond from the city and \$2 million from ARI READI 2.0 grant. We have been busy fundraising and writing grants for items that fell outside of the project budget.

The Hub will feature a 200 person event space, a collaborative makerspace area, recording studio, and flexible rooms for a variety of uses. It will support local artists, entrepreneurs, students, and community groups with hands-on tools, workshops, and programming. An outdoor event lawn and gathering plaza will create a welcoming place for people to come together and connect. The Hub is scheduled to be open by June 2026.

Brazil Public Library

We hosted the first Clay County Community Baby Shower. 23 organizations attended this event to share resources, giveaways and connect with expectant moms and those with children under the age of one. We worked with eight other organizations to host this event. 113 people attended.

Three classes were hosted in the Library's meeting rooms: WIC offered a course of Breastfeeding, Firefly taught about safe sleep and the Clay County Health Department taught infant CPR.

Each organization donated a door prize item; attendees had to visit each booth to be eligible to win. We had over 40 door prizes, including strollers, car seats, and diapers.

We gave brand new books to guests and older siblings that attended. The United Way also donated books to promote the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

"I feel like the outreach we are doing is providing the most positive results. Something as simple as offering our meeting rooms to local organizations at no charge has been a major plus to boost our acceptance in the community." - Jim Newman, Brazil Public Library



INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION SESSION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING CLASSES

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

6:00PM BROOK LIBRARY

The Brook Library will be offering English Language Learning classes this year! Anyone interested in participating should join us for our information and registration session to:

- Learn more about the program
- Meet the instructors
- Complete the registration process



Brook-Iroquois-Washington Twp Public Library

- We secured a \$50,000 donation for our **English Language Learning** program, which will provide a minimum of 3 years of funding!

Brown County Public Library

- Our library building was certified as a Level 2 Dementia Friendly Library.
- Our Friends of the Library purchased a new electric vehicle for library outreach. Our library has electric car charges which are powered by our solar carport which allow us to charge the car at no cost to the library.



Brownstown Public Library

- On staff development day, six employees received Dementia Friendly training from Lucie Scott of IU Health Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Service-Rural Dementia Network. Our library received a window cling stating that "We are a Dementia Friendly Location" from Indiana University Health.



Camden-Jackson Township Public Library

- As a small library we have a lot to be proud of. We have a great staff, board, and patrons. Our pre-school kids are very faithful to come for our Storytime programs. We have a great turn out for our Summer Reading program. Our parents and grandparents are very involved with the children's programs. Our patrons have a lot of suggestions on good book to read and are happy to get suggestions as well. We may be small, but we are huge in community.



Adult Summer Reading

Clinton Public Library

- The 2025 Summer Reading challenge at the Clinton Public Library broke new records!

Our adult readers took part in the "[Clinton Reading Challenge](#)" with Clinton, NY, Clinton, NJ, Clinton County, PA, Clinton, MA, and Clinton, IA! This friendly summer reading challenge was for our adult readers. Although Clinton, Indiana was in the lead for most of the competition, other libraries surged ahead and we ended in 4th place. The adults read **1,165,346 pages** this summer and are ready to compete again next year!



Youth Summer Reading



Covington- Veedersburg Public Library

- Our Veedersburg location decorated the library for the month of October as a **Haunted Library**. The Haunted Library was open for our town trick or treat hours with staff guided tours of the library. Halloween themed sensory activities, treats and book give-aways were a big hit. This event brought in a lot of new patrons and many new cards were opened.



Crawfordsville District Public Library

- We finally added hotspots, **Chromebooks, and in-house circulating laptops** to our collection! They were purchased through a community foundation grant, and the project ended up being a tremendous team effort.

Crown Point Community Public Library

We won the [ILF Collaboration Award](#) in 2024 for the work we do with community partnerships.



Culver-Union Township Public Library

This year we started a
community compost
project!





Darlington Public Library

- We gave out free sno-cones again this past summer, and we had the **highest number of children ever** sign up for the Summer Reading Program!

Delphi Public Library

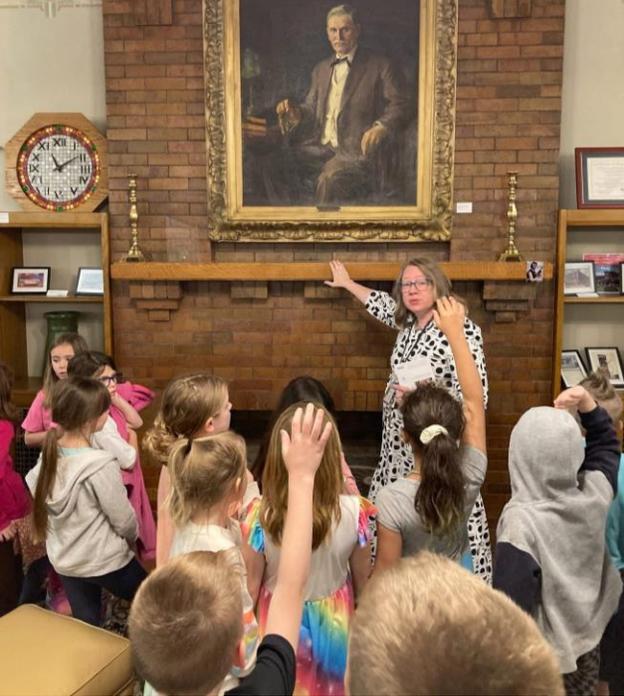
- The Northwest Carroll Library had a **grand re-opening** after being closed for space improvements. New colorful shelving, an efficient circulation desk, and improved accessibility have made the log cabin library a more inviting space!



Dublin Public Library

We offered stain glass
classes.





Eckhart Public Library

- EPL remains committed to offering diverse programming, services, and materials tailored to our patrons. In 2024, we hosted an impressive **718 programs** for people of all ages, drawing a total of 6,579 attendees. Additionally, our outreach efforts expanded, reaching 3,905 individuals—a clear indication of our growing impact beyond library walls.



Elkhart Public Library

- Growing Readers is our Reading Tutoring program. Certified teachers work one-on-one with students struggling with reading and literacy from age three up to the start of third grade. We also involve the parent or caregiver in the learning; we teach them what they can do at home to help their student succeed. In just under three years, we have worked with 205 students to help improve their reading skills with **107 students meeting their goal of reading at grade level**. We now have four part-time tutors and a capacity of 40 students. Our most recent addition was a bilingual tutor to help families who primarily speak Spanish in the home.





Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library

Renovations at multiple locations were either underway or completed in 2024 and 2025.

Fairmount Public Library

- We have been proud to assist community members in applying for the Indiana Energy (Heating) Assistance Program.



Farmland Public Library

- We participated in the [Smokey Bear Reading Challenge](#). We offered a six-week program with story time, activities, off site visits to the Fire Department and a nature trail. We finished the event by partnering with Farmland Conservation Club and had Smokey Bear himself join us! We were expecting 30 people but - we had 130 in attendance!





Flora- Monroe Township Public Library



- We're proud of the new **outreach connections** we've made this year. Ms. Cathy our programs coordinator provides story time for 5 early learning partners. The library's weekly story time in our building is seeing a record number of attendance, with 30+ people attending each week. We hope to continue to grow and reach even more members of our community
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Floyd County Public Library

- The Floyd County Library's beloved gingerbread house tradition, now over 50 years old, brings joy to the community! In 2020, we adapted with boxed gingerbread house kits, and have since continued. In 2024, we celebrated our biggest event yet with **over 1,300 kits distributed**. Families enjoyed activities throughout the Library, along with visits from Santa and a live reindeer, as we welcomed over 3,000 visitors in three hours.



Francesville-Salem Township Public Library

- Our very small one rural township library had 169 Summer Reading participants in 2024! The **most we have ever had.**





Frankfort Community Public Library-Clinton County Contractual Public Library

We have been able to secure
some local grant funding to begin
renovations on our theatre!



Fremont Public Library

- The library started keeping a collection of items **in the local middle school library** that students may check out.

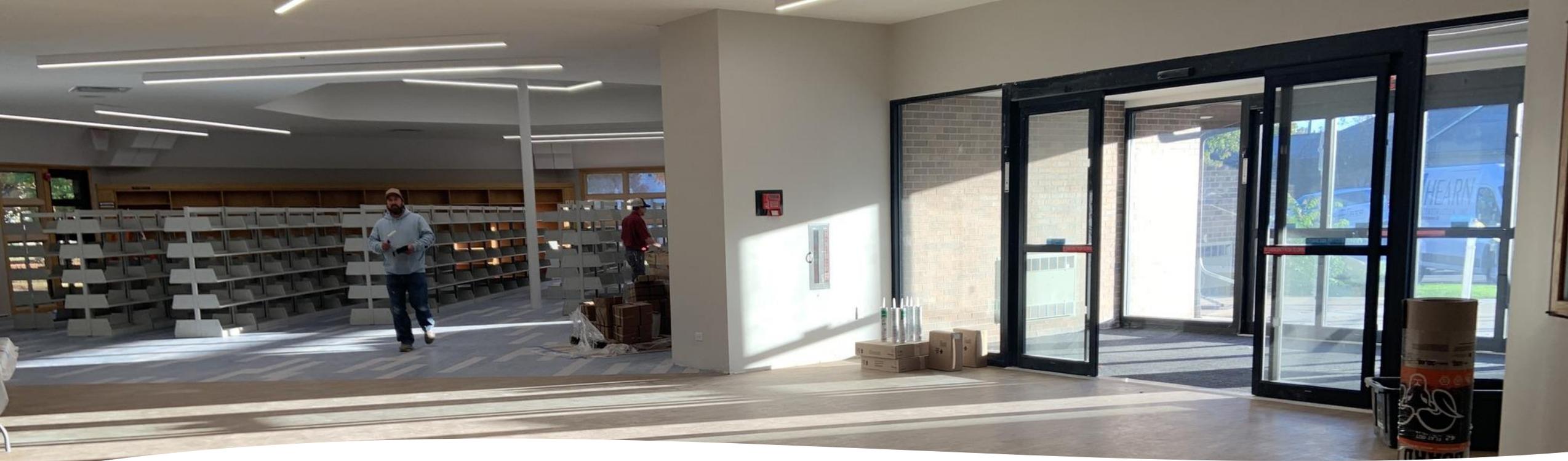


Bridging the Gap: Bringing Public Library Books to You!

The **Fremont Middle School Library** is excited to introduce a new partnership with the **Fremont Public Library**. These shelves are stocked with books, graphic novels, and audiobooks from the public library's collection. Students can easily browse and check out these materials directly from the school library, without needing a public library card. This initiative brings an exciting variety of reading options right to students, making it easier than ever to discover new stories!

Checkout with your lunch card!





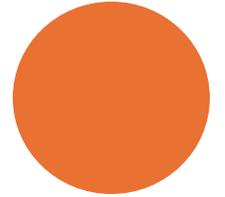
Fulton County Public Library

2025 has been the **year of renovation**. We have been working with Matt Mayol from Odle McGuire Shook Architects and Hearn Construction on this project. The remodeling at our Aubbee and Fulton Branches is complete. We are in the middle of renovating our Main Branch in Rochester, which will be completed in early 2026. All three locations will have sliding entrance doors and new flooring and paint; the Main Branch will have study rooms, a Makerspace, and a larger teen space.

Gas City-Mill Township Public Library

In 2025, we did some much needed building maintenance:

- Installation of new flooring throughout our library!
- Installation of building perimeter drain to keep the new flooring DRY!



Greensburg-Decatur County Contractual Public Library

- We held a ribbon-cutting for our **Sally Crane Memorial Storywalk®**! Mrs. Crane's over twenty-year career as a High School English Teacher allowed her to inspire and uplift many students at Sandusky, Clarksburg, and North Decatur High Schools. She was an avid reader and served on the Greensburg Decatur County Contractual Public Library board during the building campaign for our current structure (1987-1996).



Hamilton North Public Library

- We've hired a full time youth services manager who has brought more programs and people in! We've added **board games** to our circulating collection!



Harrison County Public Library

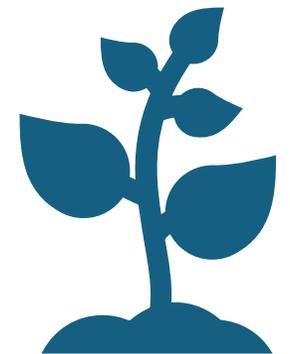
- Earned \$2,700 for Harrison County Community Services through the Winter Reading Challenge in January 2024—Read to Feed Harrison County—with patrons and students logging 21,253 books, busting the 10,000-book community goal.
- Saw the Lanesville Makerspace which opened in December of 2023 grow to serve 1,025 users in 2024.
- Converted lighting systems at the Palmyra, Lanesville and Corydon branches were converted to LED to cut energy usage.
- Purchased the building next door with thoughts for expansion.





Jasper County Public Library

- We started a small **sensory garden** at our Wheatfield branch.



Jay County Public Library

- We hosted our 3rd annual food pantry event this summer. Over 500 people came through representing over 200 households. This year we added a back-to-school component in conjunction with the Jay County Health Department. We also added new community partners, working with 13 local organizations and businesses to put on this impactful event.



Jeffersonville Township Public Library

- Created a state of the art **multi-media studio** and trained ourselves on how to help patrons in the studio.
- Put together a social Emotional Learning space and collection.





2024 HIGHLIGHTS

FARMERS MARKET AT
CLARK PLEASANT BRANCH

SOCIAL WORK INTERN

FULL YEAR OF
BOOKMOBILE SERVICE

NEW PLAY AND LEARN
SPACE AT TRAFALGAR
BRANCH



Kingman-Millcreek Public Library

- During 2025, we started our first food drive soon after the government shut down.
- We're reaching our seniors through Senior Planet Tech Classes.
- **Focusing on health** with annual Vaccine Clinics, Blood Drives, and Certified CPR/First Aid Classes.



We are off to a great start!

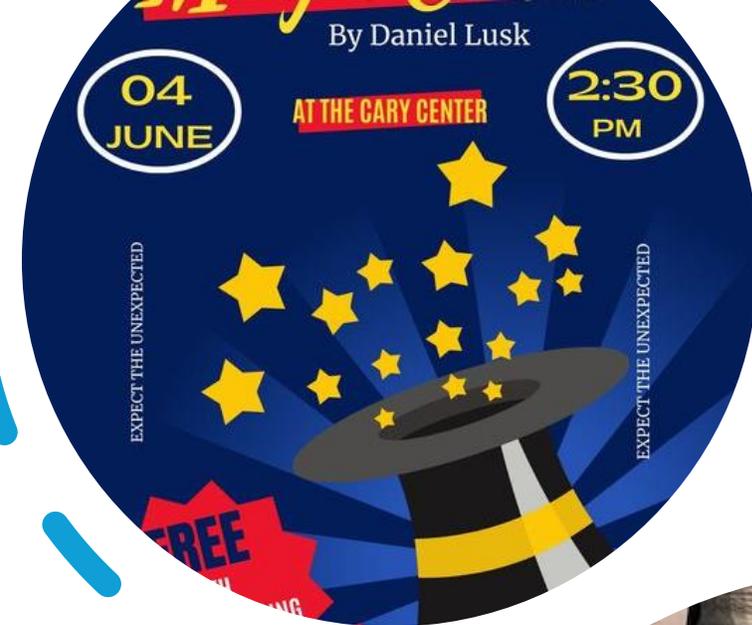
Fall Food Drive at the
KINGMAN-MILLCREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY!

- Collecting non-perishable food items through November 15th.
- Distribution will be at the library beginning November 17th during regular hours.



Knightstown Public Library

- Summer Reading Program - Kick-Off with a Magician and seven weeks of **Reading with Jersey (the Dog)** along with an Arts and Crafts program! Everyone was happy!





Knox County Public Library

Clockwise from lower left: Building a "Tower of Power"; a participant in a music series by local IAC musician Wacey Robertson; children at a program in the music series; the 2025 Girls' Basketball State Champions from South Knox High School, in their role as ambassadors for "Read Like a Champion"; Pizza in the Garden, with the Grow City Teaching Garden and Knox County Community Learning Kitchen.

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

- The [Mini Libi](#) is a Little Free Library nestled in Kokomo's Highland Park. This represents a fun collaboration between the Kokomo Parks & Recreation Department and our library, serving park visitors of all ages. The mayor himself has even asked when we'll open Little Free Libraries in other parks!



La Porte County Public Library

- We were selected as the **Organization of the Year** by the County Parks Department for our successful collaborations that included an eclipse viewing and an education winter program about reindeer attended by over 500 hundred people.



Ladoga-Clark Township Public Library

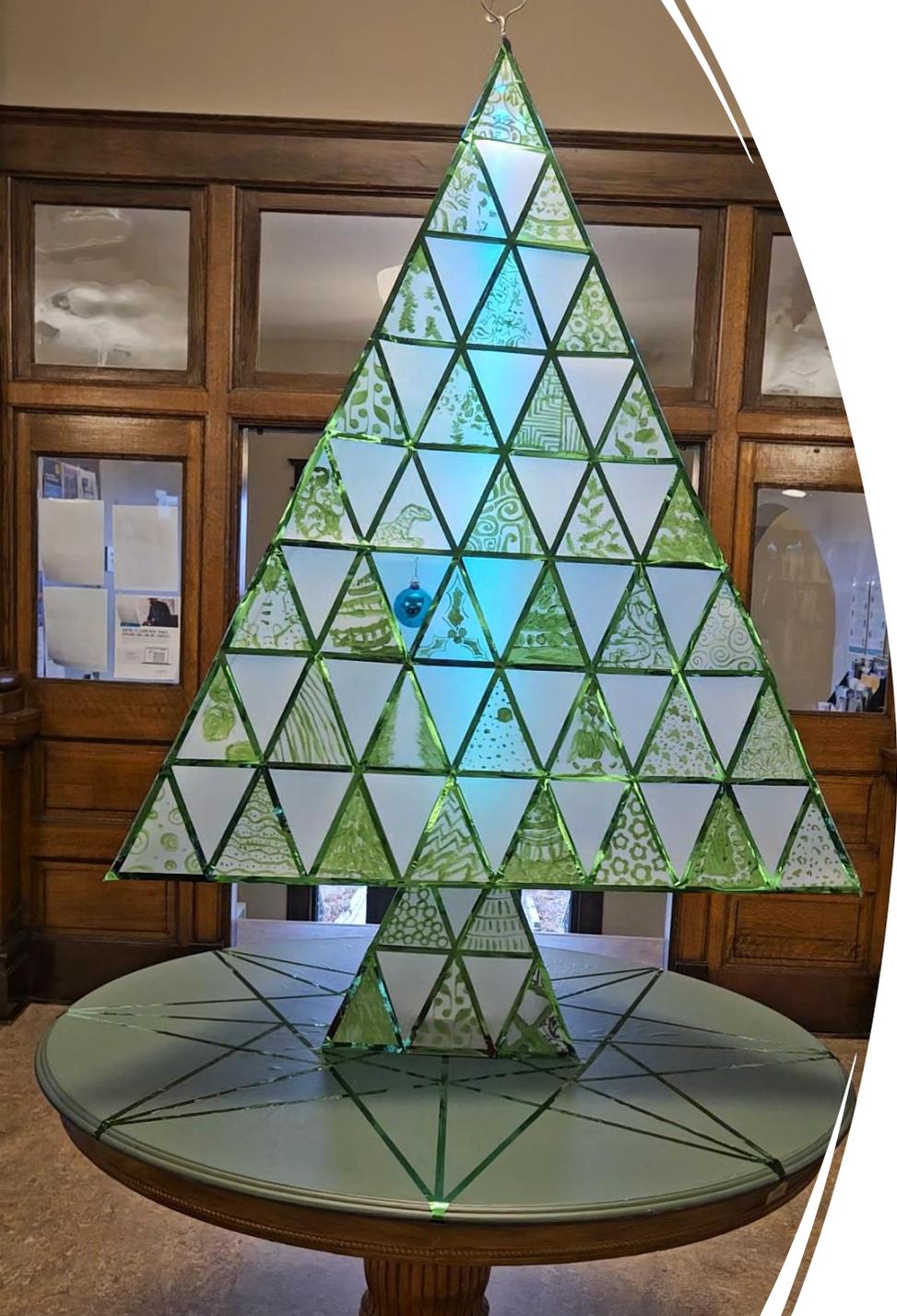
- We doubled our children's SRP numbers and successfully added adult and young adult SRP programs! After filling out this report we also nearly **quadrupled our programming** and raised circulation by 1000 circs!



Lake County Public Library

- LCPL created a new position for an Outreach & Literacy Librarian. We worked with NFP and made significant adjustments to our salary schedule in order to stay competitive with other libraries and industries. We also increased our staffing and open hours with our Libratory (our makerspace).



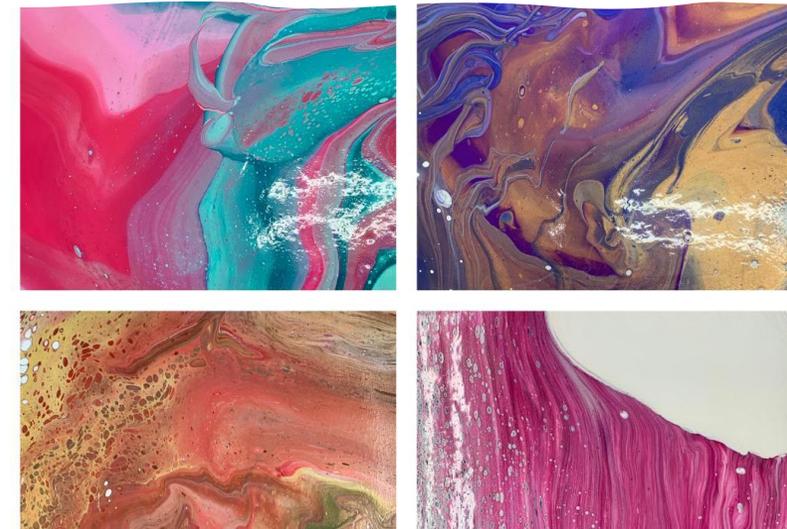


Ligonier Public Library

- We created a beautiful 3-d christmas tree with community art pieces painted by adults, children and kids.

Linden Carnegie Public Library

- We loved the "Color Our World" Summer Reading theme! We kicked it off with a Messy Art Day and ended with an Art and Color Around the World program. This included a chance for the kids to try Chinese calligraphy taught by a Wabash College Professor, which was a big hit. We also were so excited to receive a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission to host a series of art classes here at the library.



Lowell Public Library

- Lowell Public Library partnered with the Friends of the Library to hold a Naturefest event. Patrons learned about our library nature walk, conservation, gardening, local nature preserves, and more. Children made “binoculars” to go birding in the library. Fun for all ages.
- Lowell Public Library was excited to partner with our local parks department to present a reptile show in our local county park. Over 300 patrons of all ages enjoyed the event.
- We ended our Children’s Summer Reading Program with a [Bubble Party](#). A grand time was had by all. We even had grandmothers and our local police officers join the fun.



Marion Public Library

- Marion Public Library received a \$100,000 Community Placemaking Grant from Project for Public Spaces, funded by GM, to support the revitalization of the library's outdoor courtyard. This project was completed successfully, and the newly renovated space was formally opened to the public in August 2025.

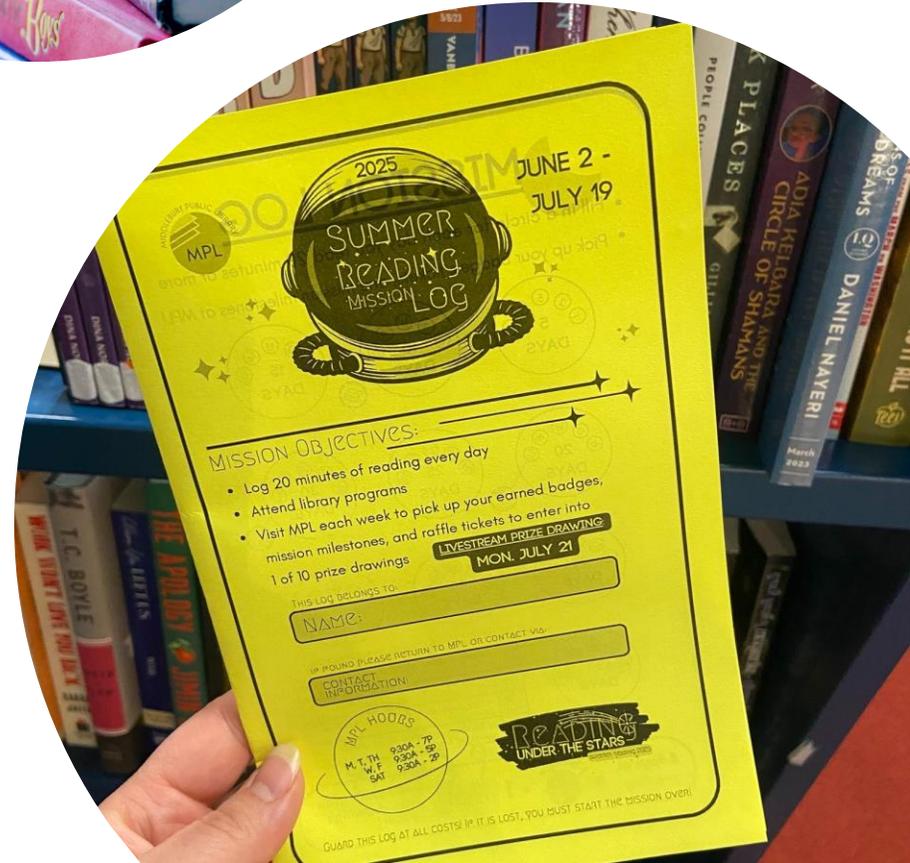


Middlebury Public Library

Our Summer Reading 2025 Wrap-Up

- 7 weeks of Summer Reading with 6 community sponsors
- **1,015 registrants** – up 50% from 2024
- **391** read 30 days or more – up 110%
- **20,525** combined **days of reading** – up 77%
- **1,246** total program attendance – up 15%

Our best summer, EVER!



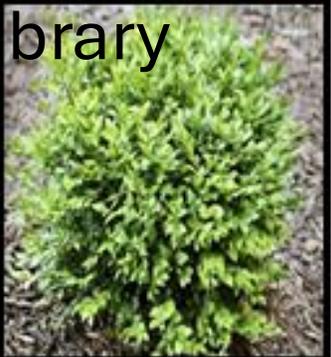


Milford Public Library

- Our programs have attracted more people to the library. We get many compliments and good feedback. Visitors mention how friendly our staff is and they are happy to visit us!

Full conversion to LED lighting at the downtown Mishawaka library and at the Harris branch in Granger.

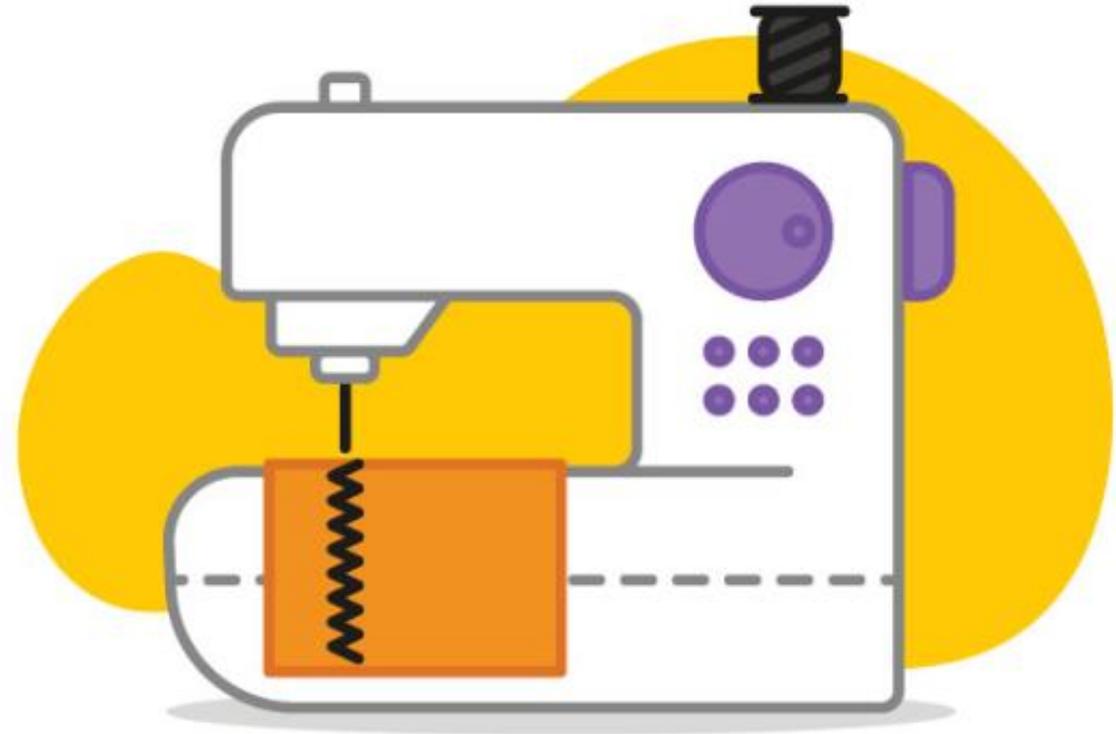
Opening of the Youth courtyard at the Harris branch.



Mishawaka- Penn Harris Public Library

Monon Town & Township Public Library

- Our library added to our "Library of Things". Added two sewing machines, sleds, yard games and more which will benefit our community.



Monterey-Tippecanoe Township Public Library



- We applied for our **first grant** and received it.
- We updated our juvenile non-fiction, states, countries and added immersive reality book. We also added children's **physical audio books**.

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Montezuma Public Library

We survived our **Children's Department ceiling collapsing** and being closed off to the public for four months. Heartbreaking!!! We are still waiting for the town (who owns the building) to compensate the library for the hundreds of destroyed & damaged children's books!

Elected officials come and go, but **public libraries continue our literacy mission** regardless of how difficult it can be at times!

Mooreville Public Library

- We hosted a great event for Eclipse Day 2024. While many places closed down, we welcomed visitors from around the country and even Europe. Many people stayed all day and enjoyed viewing the once in a life-time total eclipse with us. We had activities for all ages.



Nappanee Public Library

- Our Summer Reading Challenge continued to grow, reaching 1,350 participants!
- The library increased circulation from 2023 to 2024 of both the Kids and Teen physical collections by 23.33% and 25.19%, respectively.
- We launched a redesign of our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative which revitalized the program.
- The Heritage Collection became a vital help in helping our City with two projects in 2024: the downtown strategic plan and the development of the historic preservation guidelines for our downtown. We also were able to be apart of the City's sesquicentennial celebration.
- The Heritage Collection brought in a traveling exhibit from the Charles Schultz Museum that was about Snoopy and his relationship with NASA.



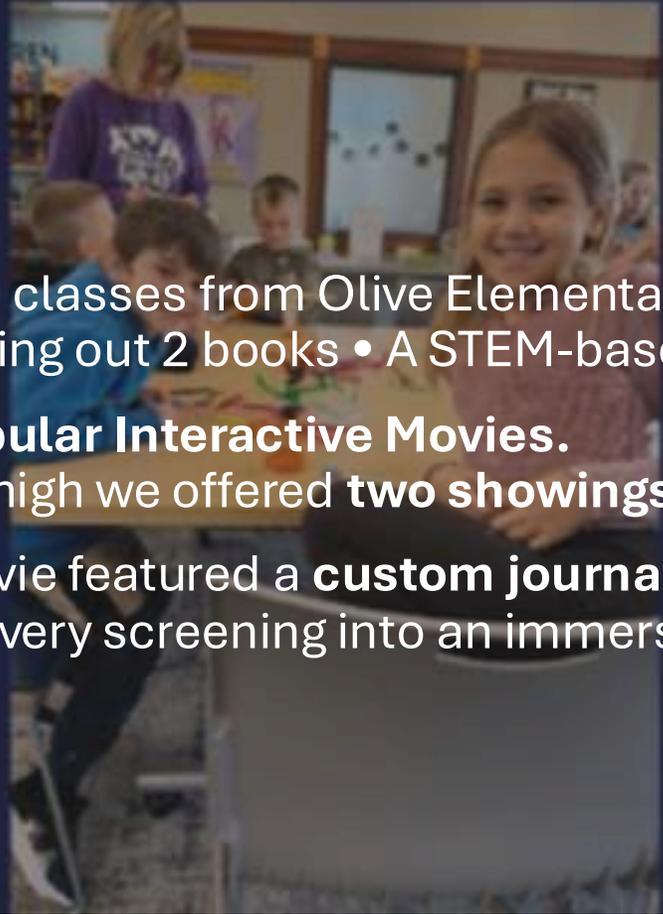


We welcomed all 19 classes from Olive Elementary for monthly visits! Each visit included: A storytime • Checking out 2 books • A STEM-based project We hosted four wildly popular Interactive Movies. Attendance was so high we offered two showings for each! Each interactive movie featured a custom journal with puzzles, games



What We're Proud Of

**NEW CARLISLE-OLIVE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



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Newburgh Chandler Public Library

- We got approval for a bond from our county council (with council members speaking highly of the library). Numbers are getting back to pre-COVID levels. Our SPR events were highly attended!

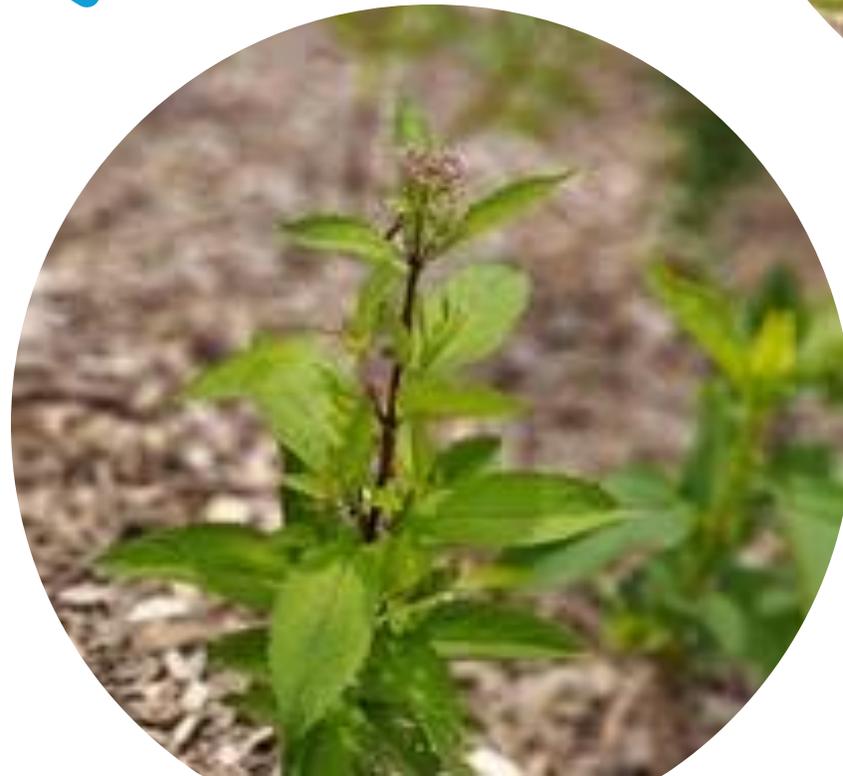


Newton County Public Library

- We replaced all of the carpet and sidewalks at our 3 buildings! It looks so nice and inviting!

Noble County Public Library

- We won ILF Outstanding Library for 2024!
- We started an **educational rain garden** in collaboration with Purdue Extension, local businesses, and Master Gardeners.
- We completed our 16th year of KiPS (Kindergarten Prep School) in collaboration with the school and local businesses.



North Madison County Public Library System



- We received the inaugural **Nonprofit of the Year** award presented by our local Community Foundation. It was a huge honor and received lots of publicity.
- We also received a Creative Aging grant from Indiana Arts Commission. The program was fantastic with great attendance from the 65+ age demographic.
- Lastly, our programs geared towards adults were thriving in 2024! The engagement and quality was the best it has ever been.
- We exceeded our pre-pandemic door counts and saw some of our best attendance ever!

North Manchester Public Library



- We won the national T-Mobile Hometown Grant for \$50,000! We created a Seed-to-Plate Pergola with outdoor garden beds and a Charlie Cart Mobile Kitchen! Together, these resources will help us strengthen literacy around food, culture, and community.



North Webster Community Public Library



- We met with our wonderful Board to develop and refine our strategic plan.
- We had a record-setting end-of-summer reading community party.
- We offered a multitude of programs, including a family self defense class, a pie-baking contest, and Euchre nights.

Oakland City-Columbia Township Public Library

- We enclosed 2 areas creating private study spaces and reconfigured the building to create a **crafting/maker space** area.



Odon Winkelpleck Public Library

- Updated our website and are open more hours.
- Added the Town of Elnora and the Town of Plainville to our library district.
- We were **gifted a van** to launch a mobile library service. Mobile service will start in 2026!



Ohio County Public Library



We got a grant to do a front desk remodel. Our library was built before a world of active shooters. Our staff offices have no emergency exit, our front desk had no emergency exit. Front desk staff could not see out the front doors to have visual on who was coming inside. For many years I begged the architect who designed ours and many libraries to help with this [safety] remodel; he ignored me. I wrote a grant and was denied, so I wrote another. It took me years to even find a company who would help with such a small project.

It was a life changer for our staff. When you come in our front doors you are greeted with staff front and center! Another safety issue was moving DVDs away from children's area too. Our front desk is also next to our children's area; it is great to have a staff buffer between them and the general public due to safety. Super proud of this accomplishment because it took us many years to do. The entire library community loves it.

Owen County Public Library

- We have expanded our services and programs to better meet the needs of our community. We introduced certification classes through our Adult Education Center. We expanded one of our study rooms to be more accessible, and we also created an outdoor area featuring percussion instruments for community enjoyment. In addition, we offered free tax and legal services, added after-school programming, held our first genealogy program, and saw our teen program blossom with a growing variety of engaging activities.



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Pendleton Community Public Library

- We perform child car seat inspections, and if the inspection fails, the patron gets a free car seat. This is a Federal program that costs the library nothing. We have certified inspectors assigned to our site and our site is authorized as a permanent fitting station.

Perry County Public Library

Highlights include:

- Partnered with **Indiana Arts Commission, Every County Funded Program, and Tell City Regional Arts** to create a **Musical Playground** in our greenspace.
- Launched a new **teen program** that has taken off like a rocket!
- Hosted a **record number of programs** for children and adults.
- Achieved **record attendance** across all events.

Peru Public Library

- We started an Adult Silent Book Club. Readers read any book they would like with other readers silently. It has evolved into a community event with our local coffee shop volunteering to stay open late to accommodate readers of all ages.
- We are very proud to partner with our local primary school, where we read to the students. We also leave a classroom copy of the book read for each classroom teacher.
- We purchased our own foam machine and had three foam parties this summer. With the Color our World theme, we had colored foam parties which was even more fun!



Pike County Public Library

- We are very proud of updating our printing options for our patrons, our [outdoor music garden](#) for year around play, and the wide variety of materials - including Tonies we have for our patrons to check out.



Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

- After soliciting the staff for feedback, the overwhelming response was that PGTPL went **fine free** on November 1, 2024.



Porter County Public Library System

- This year, we're most proud of our **community partnerships and library gardens**. In collaboration with First Things First Porter County, we host Book Block Balls for kids aged 0 to 3—a relaxed event for parents to meet child development specialists and learn while their little ones play. We've also opened library gardens at four out of five library branches so far. These community hubs feature interactive art, musical sculptures, shady seating, and a StoryWalk at each space and at partner facilities across the county



Remington-Carpenter Township Public Library

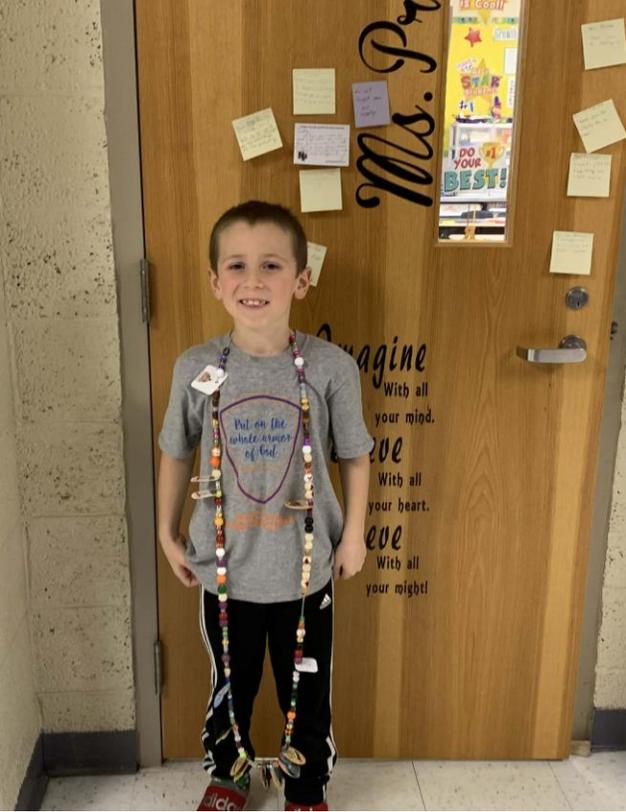
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- With this grant we offered painting and felting classes to the community.



Remington Carpenter Township Public Library

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- With this grant we offered painting and felting classes to the seniors of our community.





Roachdale-Franklin Township Public Library

- In 2024, we were awarded two grants to extend services to adult programs, including a series of painting classes with the renowned "Bearded Painter" and a program with Story Teller Portia Sholar Jackson .
- Our most successful program is our "Reading Beads" program. Our Director, Jennifer Stranger, began the program in 2022 with our local elementary as an incentive program to encourage reading in students.... In the last school year, students collectively read 30,873 books and chapters! Students earn beads (one for every five books or chapters read). The Director visits their school monthly, shares a story and activity, then distributes their beads. The principal at the originating elementary has been able to track data and provide evidence to teachers and parents that leisure reading grows their skills.



Royal Center- Boone Township Public Library

We have been "enlightened" in 2025 - [New windows](#) throughout the library has given us brighter days!



Rushville Public Library

- Our **new building opened** in March 2025 and was the culmination of five years of community planning, fundraising and effort. In addition to RPL, the center includes a fitness gym with basketball court and pool, the Westminster Early Learning Center (an infant/toddler daycare and preschool), the Rushville Food Bank, Firefly and the Rush County Senior Citizens Center.



Scott County Public Library



[In 2024] we weeded all three libraries and I kept all the children's discarded books as a special [summer reading program] incentive for the pre-k and school age children. As they completed each 10-point increment to 50, they **were given a gold coin** to take upstairs and shop in the Carnegie for a special book of their own to keep, so each child that completed the 50 books read over the six-week period also gained five books of their very own! The kids loved this special incentive. We also wrapped books in bundles and gave them away the week of Christmas. The kids loved reaching under the Christmas tree and taking a wrapped package just for them to open and keep.

South Whitley Public Library

- The South Whitley Community Public Library has many things to be proud of from 2025. We have grown our new Library of Things collection to over one hundred items. We began offering 3D printing in the library and are implementing other maker materials for use by the public. We successfully started annual community events that the public is already looking forward to for next year. We are experiencing consistent and decent numbers for our programming, seeing some of our highest attendance in some cases. We have built community connections that have led to continuing partnerships.



Speedway Public Library

- In 2025, the Speedway Public Library launched its first Seed Library in partnership with the Speedway Garden Club. In our first year we had 108 patrons take over 325 seed packets!



Spencer County Public Library

We designed and installed a 1/8th mile **StoryWalk** at our Hatfield Branch. It has a concrete path to allow for handicapped accessibility.





St. Joseph County Public Library

- We are taking possession of a new mobile library. Staff named it **Dream Machine** and it's scheduled to make its debut to the public at the holiday parade, December 12.
- We reopened a renovated branch-Centre Township. It now has study rooms, new indoor and outdoor playspaces, a more open entry, and art from Indiana artists.
- We created the posters and handouts for ILF's Statehouse day





**INDIANA
DIGITAL
LIBRARY**

Sullivan County Public Library

In 2024, we joined the Indiana
Digital Library!

Syracuse-Turkey Creek Township Public Library

- Held a Halloween event that saw **544 people** attend over the course of two hours. It was wild and well-received. We are super grateful to have a community that loves its library.



Tipton County Public Library

- Completed strategic planning with a consultant for 2026-2030 (process completed Sept. 30; plan approved by board Nov. 10; currently pending review by ISL)
- Migrated to new accounting software from Boyce's KeyFund/KeyAssets to BS&A's Boyce Cloud (Oct. 13 go-live)
- And last, but certainly not least, we completed our [ILS migration](#) from SirsiDynix's Horizon to Clarivate's Innovative Polaris (Nov. 5 go-live)

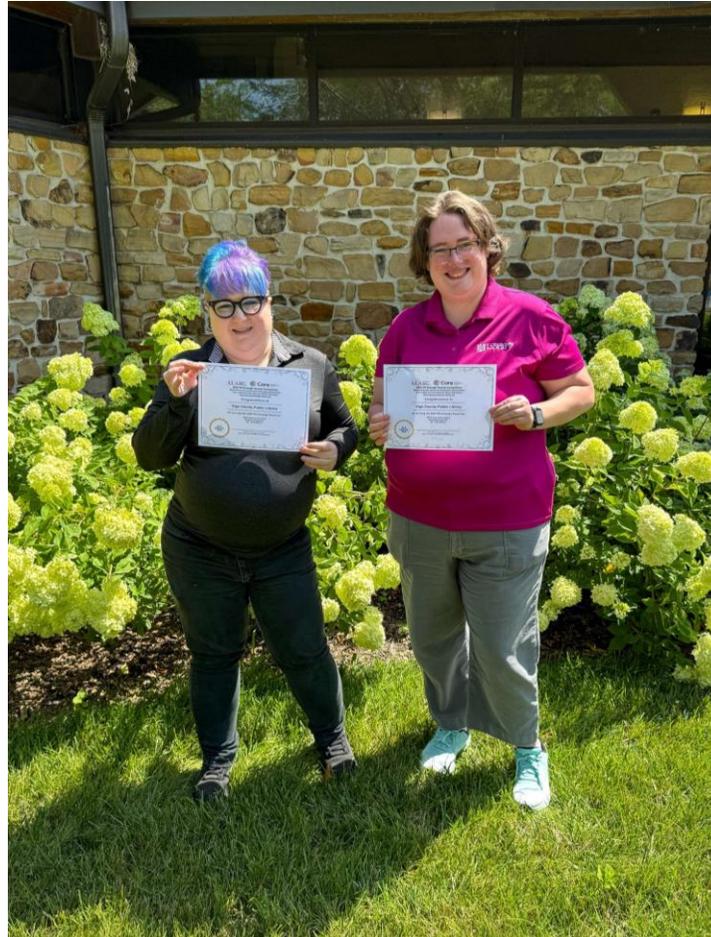




Upland Public Library

- We served 405 children, teens and adults during our Summer Reading Program!
- We also **moved our ENTIRE library** to a temporary location while our permanent library space is being renovated! Staff and volunteers worked **HARD** to make this move happen!

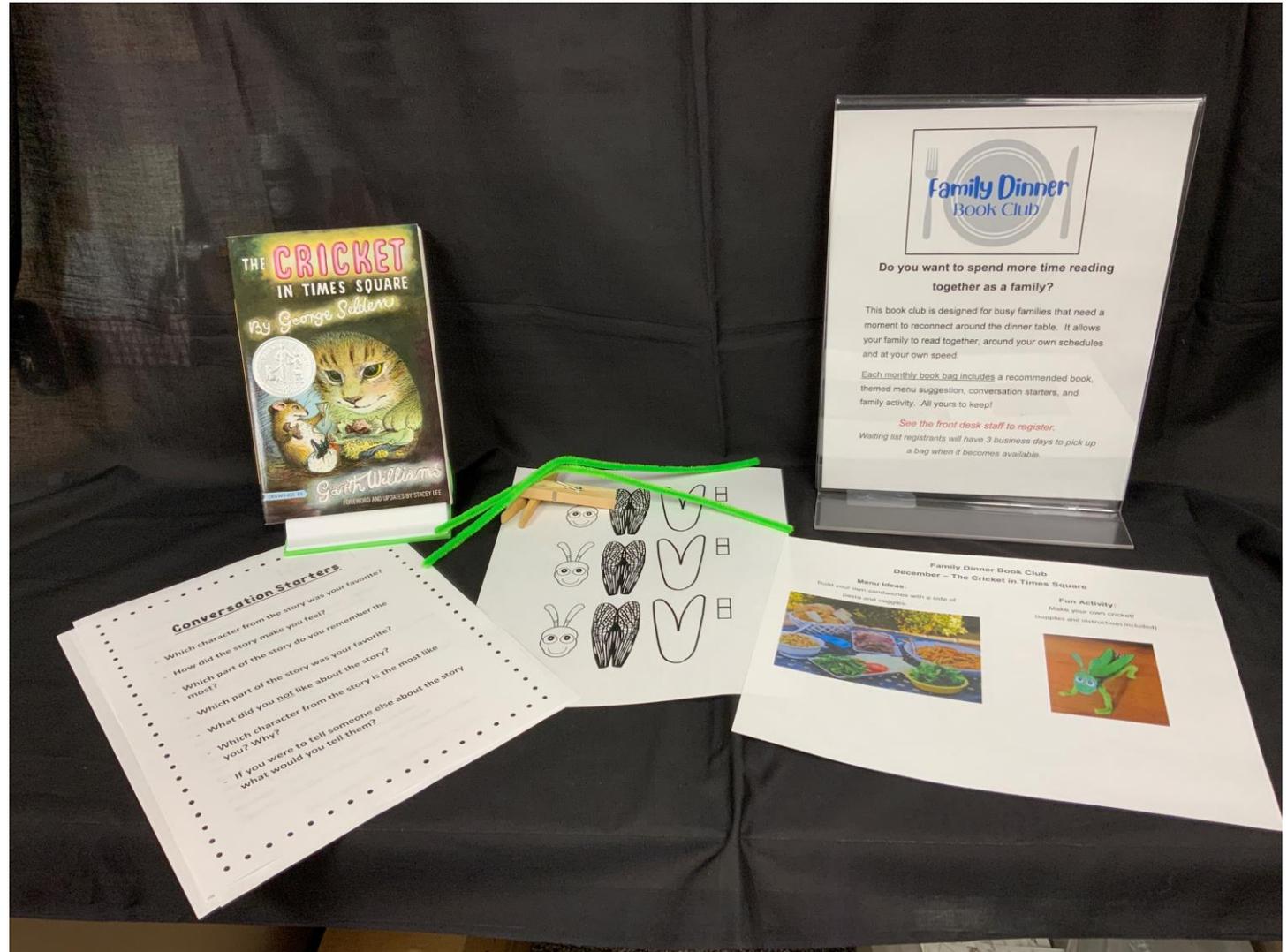
Vigo County Public Library



- The VCPL PR Department won the American Library Association's **PR Xchange Award** at the 2025 conference. It was for 2024's Community Read guide, which was for the book *The Martian*.

Wakarusa-Olive & Harrison Township Public Library

- We began a **Family Dinner Book Club**. This monthly program provides a "take and make" family book club bag, which includes a complimentary copy of the book, a craft, and dinner ideas all centered around the theme of the book.



Family Dinner Book Club

Do you want to spend more time reading together as a family?

This book club is designed for busy families that need a moment to reconnect around the dinner table. It allows your family to read together, around your own schedules and at your own speed.

Each monthly book bag includes a recommended book, themed menu suggestion, conversation starters, and family activity. All yours to keep!

See the front desk staff to register.
Waiting list registrants will have 3 business days to pick up a bag when it becomes available.

Conversation Starters

- Which character from the story was your favorite?
- How did the story make you feel?
- Which part of the story do you remember the most?
- Which part of the story was your favorite?
- What did you not like about the story?
- Which character from the story is the most like you? Why?
- If you were to tell someone else about the story what would you tell them?



Family Dinner Book Club
December - The Cricket in Times Square

Menu Ideas:
Think your menu combinations with a taste of cricket and veggies.

Fun Activity:
Make your own cricket! (Insects and microorganisms included)



Walton & Tipton Township Public Library

- In April, 2025, the Walton & Tipton Township Public Library held a **murder mystery dinner** based off of “Clue.” People paid \$40 per ticket. Funds were used as a fundraiser for the library. Food was prepared by our local school’s home ec class. Everyone had a marvelous time and were asking about next year’s event. It proved to be a financial successful event as well as a community enjoyment event.



Warren Public Library

- Warren Public Library used all the artwork made from Color Your World and hosted a [kid's art gallery night](#). We had sparking grape juice, kid friendly charcuterie boards, bowties for the boys and tiaras for the girls. The community LOVED the event.



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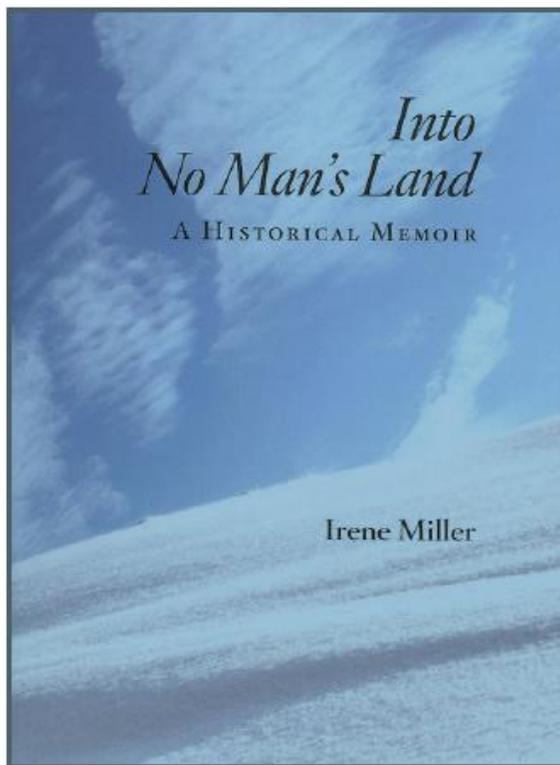


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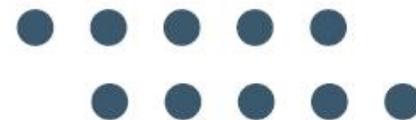
**HOLOCAUST
SURVIVOR & AUTHOR**



**WARSAW COMMUNITY
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Has been chosen as a host site for the ALA's "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit in the summer of 2026.





Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library

- We remodeled our popular MakerSpace which tripled the amount of activity space, allowing access to more users at the same time.





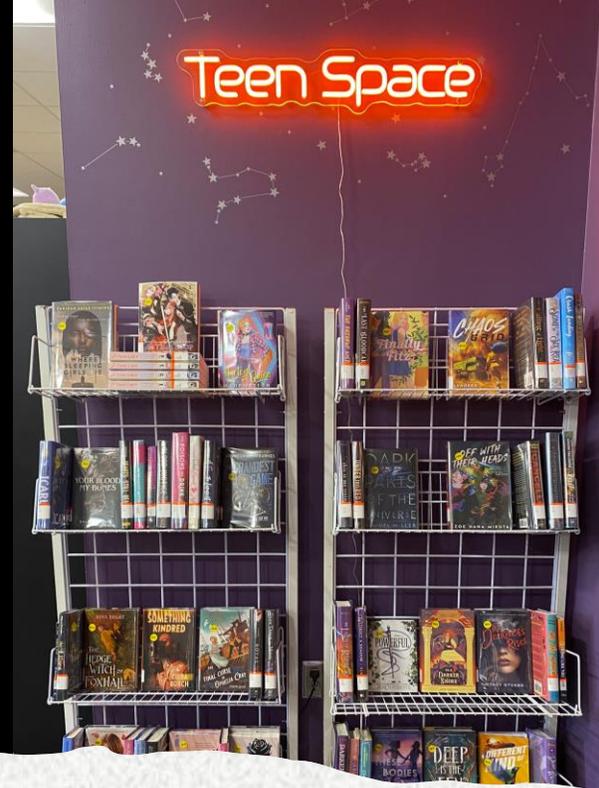
Waveland- Brown Township Public Library

- Our library acquired our town's Veterans Memorial. We decided to head up a [Hometown Hero banner program](#) for veterans and first responders. After a few fundraisers and much appreciated volunteer help, we set our own poles, hung brackets, and were able to offer the banners to the community at cost. The poles and brackets will display veteran/first responder banners from spring through fall and decorative/community-centered banners through the winter. We have really enjoyed, and are pleasantly surprised, how this has raised a sense of pride, nostalgia, and joy throughout the community.

West Lafayette Public Library

- West Lafayette Public Library opened **The Caretaker's Cottage**, a local history center, in March of 2024 in partnership with the WLPL Library Foundation. This local history center is open 12 hours a week with a team of volunteer docents and features community-focused displays from the Library's archives.





Westchester Public Library

- We added a brand new Teen Space with lots of YA books, comfortable furniture, and gaming opportunities for young people in 5th-12th grade

Westfield-Washington Public Library

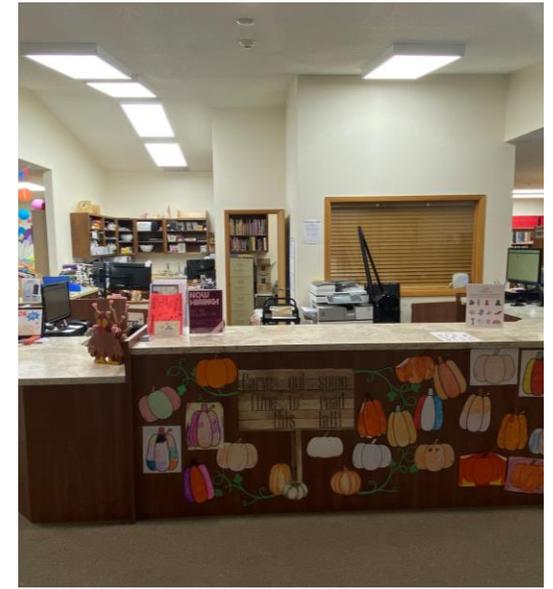
- On June 1, 2024 WWPL opened a **new state of the art library** with 43,500 square feet of public library space. The large program room, makerspace, cafe, a beautiful atrium with gathering stairs only highlight a few of the wonderful things that we are now able to provide to the Westfield Washington Township community.



Winchester Community Public Library

- We held our [19th annual Puzzle Swap](#) on November 8. More than 30 participants swapped more than 250 puzzles and 125 leftover puzzles were given away to anyone who wanted them.
- Our Lego Club has 90 participants for the 2025-26 school year.





Wolcott Community Public Library

In March of 2025 we got new carpet, bathroom flooring, window shades, circulation desk, one new circulation computer, and a couple of new book shelves. We had to box up every book and put them in our program room for this project. It took volunteers, board members, and our staff to do all of the book moving. We were closed for one week.

We are so happy with the results!

Our flooring and window coverings were original to the building (1983) and the circulation desk was around 25 years old.

Yorktown Public Library

- We had our first "Great Puzzle Race" with six teams, one hour and the same 500 piece puzzle to work. It was a huge hit and will now become a regular program offering.

