DECEMBER 2026-FEBRUARY 2027

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A Winter Reading Challenge

Tiny but Mighty

February 1 - February 22

Celebrating short books, quick reading breaks, little stories, and BIG adventures.



February may be the shortest month, but that doesn't mean you can't fit in some BIG reading! Patrons of all ages can register for the Tiny but Mighty Challenge at any KHCPL location or through Beanstack. Complete a challenge (or multiple!) and be entered into a prize drawing. Winners will be announced at our celebration party on February 27.

Scan the QR code to log in to Beanstack.

A Winter Reading Celebration

Saturday, February 27 • 2:00–3:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main • All Ages

Come celebrate the completion of our Winter Reading challenge with an afternoon of tiny-themed crafts and activities. Everyone who participated in the reading challenge is entered into our special raffle drawing. Winners will be announced during the event, so don't miss it!

- The raffle drawing will be announced at 2:30 p.m.
- You must be present at the program to win any of the grand prizes!
  Kids prizes: headphones, Kindle Colorsoft, 1 mini printer.
  Teen & Adult prizes: Fire HD 10 with case, 2 mini printers.













Register for these events at KHCPL.org under "Events" or by calling any location.

All Ages

South Branch Turns 25!

Tuesday, December 1 • 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room • Family – All Ages
Stop by on December 1 to celebrate this special milestone with us. Keep the celebration going **all month long** with a variety of free goodies and giveaways throughout December. All offers are available at KHCPL South while supplies last. Daily limits may apply. Notary service is subject to staff availability and document eligibility. Giveaways end December 27. Scan the QR code to learn more!

25 YEARS - with - KHCPL South



Western High School Art Display

Friday, January 8–Tuesday, January 26
KHCPL Russiaville
Stop in and check out the wonderful pieces created by Western's many talented high school art students.

Art Off the Square

Monday, February 1–Sunday, February 28
KHCPL Main • Lower Level Gallery
Enjoy an expansive selection of art work created by local students, grades 4-12.



Kindness Countdown

Wednesday, January 27
6:00–7:00 p.m.
KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room
Family – All Ages
Let's spread a little kindness, one link at a time! Families will create colorful paper chains with each link featuring a simple kindness challenge to complete at home.

Caroling and Cocoa

Friday, December 18 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Family – All Ages
Celebrate the holiday season with an evening of festive fun - caroling, warm cocoa, and plenty of good cheer. Dress for the weather.

Family Board Games

Monday, December 21 and February 15
5:30–8:00 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville
Meeting Room • Family – All Ages
Board games and snacks! Bring a game or play one of ours. Drop in, bring a friend, and join the fun!

Tiny Art, BIG Creativity!

Wednesday, February 10 • 6:00–7:30 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Family – All Ages
Think small and create BIG! Each family member will receive a mini canvas to turn into their very own work of art.

Genealogy Dept. Hours

- **Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.**
- **Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday: Noon–4:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday: Closed**

Free Genealogy Tutoring

The Genealogy & Local History Department offers FREE research tutoring and help by appointment. Appointments are available both during open hours or after-hours.

Scan to make a Tutoring Appointment

Check out our Getting Started Guide

Children



Discovery Center

4:00–5:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Discovery Center
Ages 8–13
Have fun and meet new friends playing with our collection of low-tech and high-tech games and activities.

Robots
- **Tuesday, December 1**
- **Thursdays, January 14 & February 4**

3D Pens
- **Wednesdays, December 2 & January 13**
- **Thursday, February 11**

LEGO Bricks
- **Tuesday, December 8**
- **Wednesdays, January 20, & February 17**

Video Games
- **Wednesday, December 9**
- **Tuesday, January 5**
- **Thursdays, January 21 & February 18**

Osmos
- **Thursday, December 10**
- **Wednesdays, January 27 & February 24**

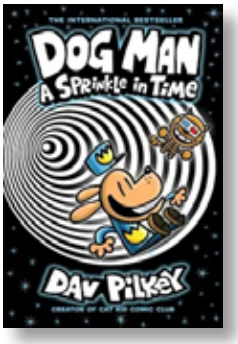
Hex Bugs
- **Tuesday, December 15**
- **Wednesday, January 6**
- **Thursdays, January 28 & February 25**

Art
- **Wednesday, December 16 & February 3**
- **Thursday, January 7**

Virtual Reality
- **Thursday, December 17**
- **Tuesday, January 12**
- **Wednesday, February 10**

Little Learners Story Time

Wednesdays, December 2, 16,
January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24
10:00–10:45 a.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3–5
This delightful class is where imagination knows no bounds and learning is an adventure.



Dog Man: Off the Shelf!

Thursday, December 3
4:00–5:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Children's Department
Ages 6–13
Celebrate the recent release of *Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time* by Dav Pilkey with themed crafts, games, and activities.

Tiny Tykes Story Time

Fridays, December 4, 18, January 8, 15, 22, 29,
February 5, 12, 19, 26 • 10:00–10:45 a.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 0–2
Journey into the world of early literacy!

December Delights

Little Traditions, Big Joy

Tuesday, December 1 • 10:00–10:30 a.m.
KHCPL Main • Children's Department • Ages 0–2
Come celebrate the magic of December with your little one! We will focus on the special traditions that bring different families together during this season with sensory play, stories, ASL, and song.

Merry Little Moments

10:00–11:00 a.m. • KHCPL Russiaville
Meeting Room • Ages 2–5
Making holiday memories at the Library!
- **Thursday, December 3:** Gingerbread Fun!
- **Monday, December 7:** Crafty Christmas Creations.
- **Thursday, December 10:** Romping Reindeer Day.
- **Monday, December 14:** Grinch on the Loose!



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Music & Movement

FEATURING Kindermusik

Ages 18 months–5 years

Classes are designed to promote cognitive development through singing, dancing, and instrument play.

- **KHCPL South – Saturday, December 5**
  10:00–10:30 a.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room
- **KHCPL South – Tuesdays, December 15 & 29**
  4:30–5:00 p.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room
- **KHCPL Russiaville • Thursdays,**
  January 7, 14, 21, 28 • 12:30–1:00 p.m.
  Meeting Room



Reading With Therapy Pets!

Children of **all ages** can practice their reading skills by reading to trained therapy animals.

- **Love on a Leash**
  - **KHCPL Main – Saturdays, December 5,**
    January 2, February 6
    11:00 a.m.–Noon
    Children's Department





Winterfest

Friday, December 4 • 5:00–7:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Jeff Stout Community Center Any Age

Join us for a fun evening of holiday stories, games, and crafts, along with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

- **5:15 p.m. & 6:15 p.m. –** KHCPL staff will host story time.
- **5:30 p.m. –** Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by fire truck.

December Lights and Seasonal Sights

Tuesday, December 8 • 10:00–10:30 a.m.
KHCPL Main • Children's Department
Ages 0–2

This story time explores the importance of light during December celebrations with twinkly tales, seasonal songs, and festive free play.



Nutcracker Dance Class

Wednesday, December 9 • 10:00–10:45 a.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3–5

Our tiny twirlers will be gently guided through ballet basics. We'll do a holiday craft and dance together to The Waltz of the Snowflakes.

Winter Baby Ball

Friday, December 11
10:00–10:45 a.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 0–2

You are cordially invited to attend the Winter Baby BALL. An elegant morning of rolling, tossing, and bouncing. Come dressed for a ball because there will be A LOT of them.

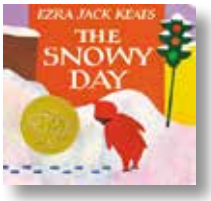


Winter Science Lab

5:00–6:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 5–12

Discover the magic of winter science while enjoying cool activities and wintry science experiments. Dress for a mess.

- **Winter Slime – Monday, December 14**
- **Snowstorm in a Jar – Monday, January 11**
- **Instant Ice – Monday, February 8**



Snow Much Fun!

Thursday, December 17 • 1:00–2:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3–13

Celebrate winter with a special reading of *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats! Get creative with snowflake crafts, winter-themed coloring pages, and make-your-own bookmarks.

Homeschool Corner

Homeschool Hub

11:00 a.m.–Noon • KHCPL Main • Discovery Center
Ages 6–13

This innovative program offers homeschool families a structured yet flexible environment to explore diverse subjects like STEM, history, and culture/art. Designed to complement and enrich homeschooling curricula.

- **Tasty Trails – Wednesday, December 2**
  Come along as we explore the folktale Hansel and Gretel, search for sweets, and create our own candy cottage!
- **Winter Warriors – Wednesday, December 16**
  Create your own shields and swords, inspired by *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.



- **Banuary – Wednesday, January 6**
  Join us for bookish activities and crafts inspired by banned books.
- **Popcorn Kiddos – Wednesday, January 20**
  Pop in to celebrate National Popcorn Day with fun crafts and activities!
- **Mardi Gras Mania – Wednesday, February 3**
  Celebrate Mardi Gras through traditions and treats!
- **Heartbeats and Hands-On Science**
  Wednesday, February 17
  Kids will enjoy exploring the human heart and how it works through experiments and crafts!



Don't miss it!
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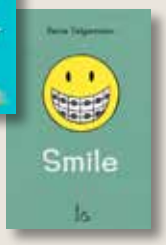
Homeschool Author Study
One Word at a Time

1:00–2:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Discovery Center • Ages 6–13

Author Study with Kwame Alexander is an interactive, virtual author visit series that brings notable authors to the library! Kids will enjoy an activity inspired by the featured book.

- **Tuesday, December 8 –** *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier
- **Tuesday, February 9 –** *Fast Pitch* by Nic Stone





Polar Explorers Homeschool Expedition

Tuesday, January 12 • 1:00–2:00 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 6–11

Investigate how animals survive some of the coldest environments on Earth.

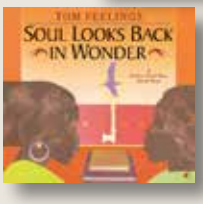
Homeschool Book Club

10:00–11:30 a.m. • KHCPL Main • Discovery Center
Ages 6–13

Join our Homeschool Book club as we discuss a variety of diverse topics each month!

- **Monday, January 25 –** pick-up only
- **Monday, February 22**
  - **10:00–10:45 a.m. • Grades 1–3**
    Build a House by Rhiannon Giddens
  - **10:45–11:30 a.m. • Grades 4–6**
    Soul Looks Back in Wonder by Tom Feelings





Hello, 2027,

New Year's Eve (Eve)

Snowball Drop

Wednesday, December 30 • 10:00–10:45 a.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 3–12
Dance, play party games, and make a festive crown. Next... Snowball Drop countdown!

Noon Year's Eve Party

Thursday, December 31 • 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Ages 0–13
Help us ring in the Noon Year, kid style, and join us for a midday party filled with excitement and joy. Games, crafts, and music leading to a big countdown to noon!

- **KHCPL Russiaville – Meeting Room**
- **KHCPL Main – Meeting Rooms A & B**



Mittens, Snow, & Waddling Toes!

Mondays, January 4, 11, 25 • 10:00–11:00 a.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room • Ages 2–5
Enjoy playful stories, songs, and a fun craft inspired by each cozy winter topic.

Oh-So-Opposite!

10:00–10:30 a.m. • KHCPL Main • Children's Department
Ages 0–2
This month, join story time to sing, play, and learn opposites along the way! Each week focuses on an opposite pair, with beginner ASL and a time of open play to foster curiosity and community.

- **Up, Down, All Around – Tuesday, January 5**
- **In, Out, All About – Tuesday, January 12**
- **Fast, Slow, Look at you go! – Tuesday, January 26**

The Amazing World of Virtual Reality

and Other Cool Gaming Gadgets

Thursdays, January 7 & February 4
6:00–7:00 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville
Meeting Room • Ages 6–13
STEM is part of virtual reality fun! We'll also have other STEM gadgets to play with.

Lil' Groovers

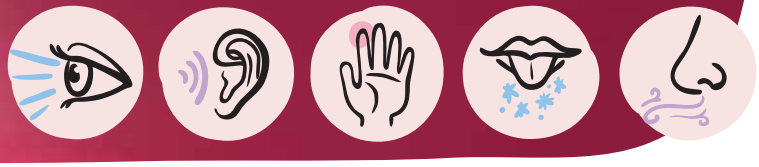
Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28
4:30–5:30 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 6–9
This is an introduction for kids ages 6 to 9. We'll build a good foundation with rhythm and coordination. No experience required.

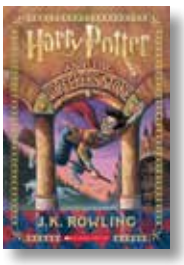


Sense-ational Adventures

10:00–10:45 a.m. • KHCPL Main
Children's Department •Discovery Center
Ages 3–5
Curiosity will lead the way this month at story time as we use touch, taste, sight, smell, and sound to discover the world around us!

- **Touch – Thursday, January 7**
- **Taste – Thursday, January 14**
- **Sight – Thursday, January 21**
- **Smell & Sound – Thursday, January 28**





'Harry Potter' at the Enchanted Library

Saturday, January 9 • 1:30–3:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Ages 8–12
Step into the library for an afternoon of spells, surprises, and fun inspired by the Wizarding World.

Winter Blues Busters

Thursdays, January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25
4:00–5:30 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room
Any Age
Beat the winter blues by joining us for a program created specifically to brighten the dark days of winter with STEM fun. Each week we will become engineers and have fun with building blocks.

Cardboard Creations

4:00–5:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 8–12
Kids will explore creativity and engineering through various cardboard projects! Space is limited to the first 20 registrants.

- **Cardboard Basics – Tuesday, January 19**
- **Cardboard Creatures – Tuesday, January 26**
- **Cardboard Vehicles – Tuesday, February 2**
- **Cardboard Architecture – Tuesday, February 9**
- **Cardboard Games – Tuesday, February 16**
- **Cardboard Chain Reactions – Tuesday, February 23**



Polar Explorers

Tuesday, January 19 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 6–11
Explore how penguins and other polar animals survive in extreme environments during a hands-on adventure to the polar regions! Experiment and discover how to survive at the ends of the Earth.



Beach Babies

Tuesday, January 19 • 10:00–11:00 a.m.
KHCPL Main • Children's Department • Ages 0–5
It's an ocean of wiggles and giggles at this sensory friendly, beach-themed party! With splashing, colorful beach toys, and bubbles, this program offers a gentle and joyful experience for curious minds and tiny hands.

These Are A Few of Our Favorite Things

10:00–11:00 a.m. • KHCPL Russiaville
Meeting Room • Ages 2–5
Get ready for a month full of joy, curiosity, and celebration as we explore things we love most!

- **Robots – Monday, February 1**
- **Valentine's Day Preparations – Monday, February 8**
- **Terrific Teeth – Monday, February 22**

Winter Wiggles

10:00–10:30 a.m. • KHCPL Main • Ages 0–2
Bundle up and bounce in for snowy stories, winter fun, and lots of wiggles for everyone! Join us to learn through song and play about all our favorite parts of winter.

- **Winter Animals – Tuesday, February 2**
- **Winter Weather – Tuesday, February 9**
- **Winter Fun Activities – Tuesday, February 23**

Cozy Story Time

Love of Reading

Tuesday, February 2 • 5:30–6:15 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 2–6
Through picture books, gentle movement, and open-ended art, children are invited to explore stories at their own pace in a calm environment.

Register for these events at KHCPL.org under "Events" or by calling any location.

Imagination Stations

Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25
12:30–1:30 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville Meeting Room • Ages 2–5
This weekly early-learning program is designed so little learners can explore stories, art, sensory play, STEM, and imaginative play.



Little Life Skills

Ready, Set, Grow!

10:00–10:45 a.m. • KHCPL Main Children's Department • Discovery Center
Ages 3–5
Growing up is a big adventure, and this month at story time we'll focus on helpful skills your little one needs for life. Join for songs, stories, and playful stations to build confidence each day.

- **Health + Hygiene – Thursday, February 4**
- **House + Home – Thursday, February 11**
- **Food + Kitchen – Thursday, February 18**
- **Emotions + Manners – Thursday, February 25**

National African American Read-In

Saturday, February 6 • 1:00–2:30 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 6–13
Join us as we celebrate African American contributions to our literary heritage through readings, activities, crafts, and more!

Sandra Boynton Celebration

Tuesday, February 16 • 10:00–11:00 a.m.
KHCPL Main • Children's Department Discovery Center • Ages 0–5
Get ready to wiggle, giggle, and play! Come celebrate the silly, sweet world of Sandra Boynton and her beloved books with story time, sensory rich stations, playful music, and more!







Kitchen Explorers (R)

KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Calling all young homeschool chefs! Join us for hands-on cooking designed for **kids ages 8–13**.

- In order to register, your child must be 8+ and independently reading and writing at a 3rd grade level.
- Supplies are limited to the first 20 participants; registrants are given first priority.

Homeschool Cuisine

Monday, February 8 • 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Tiny Cuisine

Tuesday, February 16 • 6:00–7:15 p.m.

President's Day Play Dough Play Date

Monday, February 15
10:00 a.m.–Noon
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room
Ages 2–13
During this fun, hands-on program, children can play, create, and explore with play dough while enjoying a relaxed day at the library.



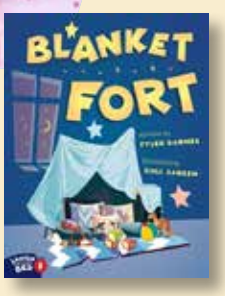
Tiny Snow Globes

Monday, February 15 • 4:00–5:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 6–12
Children 6-12 will make miniature snow globes in theme with our Tiny Winter Reading challenge.



Once Upon a Blanket Fort

Thursday, February 18 • 6:00–7:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room
Ages 2–6
Calling all preschoolers and their grown-ups! Come to the library for a cozy hour of blanket forts, stories, crafts, snacks, and imaginative play inspired by the book by Tyler Barnes, *Blanket Fort.*



Teens

Teen Zone

3:30–4:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Teen Zone • Teens

Teens ages 12-17 can hang out, have fun, and meet new friends through our variety of weekly activities and crafts.

- **Tuesdays** - board games, bingo, and other activities.
- **Wednesdays** - variety of crafts.



Teen Art Group

Every Thursday EXCEPT December 10, 24, & 31
4:00–5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Meeting Room A
Teens

Teens will have the chance to gather with their peers, use a medium of their choice, and make art. Use any of the materials provided or bring your own. Materials regularly provided include sketch paper, canvas paper, paints, and pencils.



Teen Writers' Group

Every Thursday EXCEPT December 10, 24, & 31
5:00–6:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Meeting Room A
Teens

Do you want the chance to sharpen your creative writing and critiquing skills and also receive feedback from your peers? Then join us!



Homeschool Middle School Book Club

2:00–3:00 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville Meeting Room • Middle School

Middle school students, join us to discuss books! Various genres from fiction to graphic novels are introduced to develop diverse readers.

- **Monday, December 7 –** pick-up only
- **Monday, January 4 –** *The Mona Lisa Vanishes* by Nicholas Day
- **Monday, February 1**
  The Crossover by Kwame Alexander





Self-love Jars

Friday, January 8 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room • Teens

Decorate a jar and commit to filling it with at least one positive thing you did that day or week. Dump the jar at the end of the year and see how your year went. While supplies last, teens only.

Adults + Teens

The Old Oaken Bucket

A History of Indiana vs. Purdue Football

Thursday, December 3
6:30–7:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main
Meeting Rooms A & B
Adults & Teens

Sports historian Brian Johnston will take a lively look at one of college football's oldest rivalries. Come dressed to represent your favorite team.



Stringing Snowflakes

Tuesday, December 8 • 5:00–6:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B
Adults & Teens

Join us for a fun night crafting a winter garland. All supplies will be provided.

Family History Fridays

- **KHCPL South – Friday, January 8 • 1:00–3:00 p.m.**
  Adults & Teens
- **KHCPL Russiaville – Friday, February 5**
  1:00–3:00 p.m. • Adults & Teens

Drop in to talk to a genealogy staff member to learn how to start your family history search, learn about our online databases, or get help with your genealogy brick walls.





Get Help Filing the FAFSA

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

- **Saturday, January 9 • 3:00–5:00 p.m.**
  KHCPL Main • Meeting Room B • Adults & Teens
- **Wednesday, January 13 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.**
  KHCPL South • Cardinal Room • Adults & Teens
- **Thursday, February 11 • 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**
  KHCPL Main • Meeting Room A • Adults & Teens
- **Tuesday, February 23 • 3:00–5:00 p.m.**
  KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room
  Adults & Teens

Need help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? This online form is required for financial aid and many scholarships. Staff from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education will be on-site to answer questions and guide you through the process. Bring your laptop, or use one of the library's.

Villains and Valentines: 3D Portraits

Monday, February 1 • 5:00–6:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B
Adults & Teens

Come create your own 3D Valentine's Day portrait! Decorative options will include both Valentine's and anti-Valentine's Day themes.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, February 20 • 5:30–8:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room
Adults & Teens

Join us for one-shot adventures designed to be completed in one evening! All you need to bring are your imagination and ability to think outside the box while diving into a fantasy world.



Adults



Howard County Legal Intake Clinic

No Appointment Necessary
Every Wednesday EXCEPT December 23 & 30
9:00 a.m.–Noon • KHCPL Main • Large Group Study
Adults

Need pro bono representation? Apply with Pro Bono Indiana, Inc. to get the legal assistance you need at no cost to you! Only general guidance to forms and/or legal aid programs can be provided. No legal advice can be given.

General Advice Clinic Information Contact

- **Kevin Jones** - 765.450.9534
  kevin.jones@probonoindiana.org
- **Carmon Yarbrough** - 765.416.3363
  carmon.yarbrough@probonoindiana.org

Blood Drive

- **KHCPL South – Thursdays, December 3 & February 11 • 1:00–6:00 p.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults**
- **KHCPL Main – Friday, January 15 9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. • Meeting Room A & B Adults**

Help save a life. Schedule your Red Cross blood drive donation appointment today at www.redcrossblood.org.



Cookies, Cocoa, and a Craft

Tassel Tree Workshop

Saturday, December 12 • 1:00–3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Adults

Grab your friends and get into the holiday spirit with a crafty afternoon just for adults. We'll create a charming yarn tassel tree sign that will add a warm, handmade touch to your holiday décor.

Create with Cricut

6:00–7:00 p.m. OR 7:00–8:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room • Adults

Join us to use Cricut Design Space to create fun holiday items. Classes offered at two different times - be sure to only register for one session.

- **Holiday Stocking – Monday, December 14**
  Unwrap your creativity this holiday season at the library! Join us as we decorate a stocking.
- **T-Shirt Fun – Monday, January 11**
  Bring your own prewashed t-shirt and create a design with Cricut Design Space!
- **Tiny Pots for a Tiny Month – Monday, February 8**
  Have fun with us as we decorate tiny pots! How cute our tiny pots will be!

Fiction Writers' Group

Wednesdays, December 2, January 6, February 3
5:00–8:00 p.m. • KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room
Adults

Feedback for writers of fiction by writers of fiction. New members are encouraged to bring a submission of their current work to share with the group.

Poetry Group

Wednesdays, December 9, January 13, February 10
5:00–7:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Large Group Study
Adults

Feedback for writers of poetry by writers of poetry. Members are encouraged bring something they're working on to submit to the group for feedback.

Register for these events at KHCPL.org under "Events" or by calling any location.

Well Read and Badly Behaved Book Club

Wednesdays, December 16, January 20, February 17
6:00–7:00 p.m. • KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room
Adults

We are well read and badly behaved. Are you? Not sure what this book club for adults is all about? Let's give you an idea by asking you to answer these questions. Love to hang out with old friends and meet new people? Love to talk about books? Hate rules? Want to have some say-so in what the club does? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this is the book club you've been waiting for. Call 765.453.4150 for monthly title.

Sewing Workshops

5:00–6:00 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • 16+ and older

Limited sewing machines are provided. Bring the supplies listed online.

- **Dish Drying Mat & Shelf Liner Projects**
  Mondays, January 4, 11, 25
  Transform simple dish-drying mats into a featured project during this hands-on sewing workshop.
- **Basics: Hemming, Repairing Seams, and Zipper Replacements**
  Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22
  Learn sewing basics in this hands-on sewing workshop.

Sock it to Me Snowman!

Sock Snowman Craft

Saturday, January 9 • 1:00–3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Adults

Turn a simple sock into an adorable snowman decorated with hearts, ribbons, and other festive touches.



New Adult Writing Group

Tuesdays, December 15, January 19, February 16
5:00–6:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Large Group Study
Adults 18–30

The New Adult Writing Group is a welcoming space for young writers aged 18 to 30 to get to know each other, read our writings, receive feedback, and build a community of creative new adults. We expect to see a lot of fiction, prose, and poetry, but all types of writers are welcome!



How Does Your Garden Grow?

6:30–7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville
Meeting Room • Adults

- **Winter Indoor Vegetable Gardening**
  Tuesday, January 12
  Discover simple tips for bringing a little garden indoors, even when it's cold outside.
- **Prune with Precision — The Art of Tree Trimming**
  Tuesday, February 9
  Learn how to prune those evergreen and deciduous shrubs that seem to always be overgrown. We will also cover correct pruning of your existing trees to keep them healthy and beautiful.

The Digital Den

at KHCPL Main

Your one-stop location for getting started on all kinds of digital creative projects and basic technical support.

Digital Den Hours

Mondays – 9:00 a.m.– Noon
Tuesdays – Noon–5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays – 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Thursdays – Noon–5:00 p.m.
Fridays – Noon–5:00 p.m.

Services and Tools

- 3D printing
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Lamination
- Poster printing
- Coil binding
- Cricut
- Vintage media conversion
- Button maker

Books & Banter

Expand your reading horizons by joining us for engaging and lively discussions of books from different genres.

- **KHCPL Main – 10:00–11:30 a.m.**
  Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults
  - **Wednesday, January 13** - *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune
  - **Wednesday, February 10** - *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
- **KHCPL Russiaville – 2:00–3:00 p.m. • Adults**
  - **Thursday, January 14** - *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang
  - **Thursday, February 11** - *Beach Read* by Emily Henry







Valentine Assembly Line

Craft for a Cause

Tuesday, January 19 • 9:30–11:30 a.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room• Adults
Adults attending this program will use an assembly line process, working together to create handmade cards for Samaritan Caregivers' Adopt a Grandparent program.

Paint with Friends

Wednesday, January 20 • 6:00–7:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Adults
Learn new painting techniques and explore your creativity as we paint a beautiful snowman with our favorite artist, Jamie!



Intro to AI

- **KHCPL Russiaville – Monday, January 25**
  3:00–4:00 p.m. • Meeting Room • Adults
- **KHCPL South – Thursday, January 28**
  6:00–7:00 p.m. • Tulip Tree Room • Adults
  Curious about AI? Discover what it is, how tools like ChatGPT work, and practical ways you can use AI in everyday life. No experience needed!

Yoga Does a Body Good

Tuesdays, January 26 & February 23
6:00–7:00 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults
Dress comfortably for this gentle yoga class. Any needed props will be provided. Accommodations will be made for those more comfortable using a chair.

Card Creators

Handmade Greeting Cards

Wednesday, February 3 • 2:00–4:30 p.m.
OR 5:30–7:30 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults
Stay connected with friends and family with a handmade card that shows you care. We will make 3 greeting cards, plus a card to donate.

Galentines

Friday, February 12 • 6:00–8:00 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults 21+
Bring your pals and join us for a fun evening of art and wine! This is an adults-only event to enjoy with your friends.

TICKETS
- Tickets are FREE but required!
- Tickets available starting February 1 at KHCPL South.
- Tickets limited to the first 50 people.
- Adults 21+ only.

Suds, Scents, and Salves

Simple ingredients. Natural results.

Saturday, February 13 • 1:00–3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Adults
Explore the benefits and versatility of essential oils and natural ingredients in this hands-on DIY workshop.



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Public Bookmobile Stops

AndyMark Disc • Noon–1:00 p.m. • Thursdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25

Bloom at Kokomo Adv • 1:30–2:00 p.m. • Thursdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25

Brentwood Greene Disc • 1:45–2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, December 8, January 12, 26, February 9, 23

Chippendale Disc • 3:45–4:30 p.m. Mondays, December 7, January 11, 25, February 8, 22

Christy Lane Disc • 3:45–4:30 p.m. • Wednesdays, December 9, January 13, 27, February 10, 24

Fox Acres Apartments Adv • 2:30–3:00 p.m. Tuesdays, December 1, 15, January 5, 19, February 2, 16

Friendship Haven Disc • 3:00–3:30 p.m. • Tuesdays, December 8, January 12, 26, February 9, 23

Greenacres & Crestview Adv • 3:45–4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, December 9, January 13, 27, February 10, 24

The Harvest at Kokomo Disc • 2:00–2:45 p.m. Wednesdays, December 9, January 13, 27, February 10, 24

Honey Creek Hills Adv • 4:00–4:30 p.m. Mondays, December 14, January 4, February 1, 15

Howard Haven Adv • 12:30–1:00 p.m. • Thursdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25

Jefferson Manor Adv • 10:00–10:45 a.m. Wednesdays, December 9, January 13, 27, February 10, 24

Judson West Disc • 3:45–4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, December 1, 15, January 5, 19, February 2, 16

Kokomo Manor Apts. Disc • 3:45–4:30 p.m. Thursdays, December 3, 17, January 7, 21, February 4, 18

Madison & Berkley Disc • 4:00–4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, December 8, January 12, 26, February 9, 23

Malfalfa & Stoneview Disc • 3:45–4:30 p.m. Thursdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25

Meadowbrook & Cranbrook Disc • 4:00–4:30 p.m. Mondays, December 14, January 4, February 1, 15

Oliene & McKibben Adv • 3:45–4:30 p.m. Thursdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25

Parkwood & Hickory Adv • 4:00–4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, December 2, 16, January 6, 20, February 3, 17

The Pillars Disc • 2:45–3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, December 2, 16, January 6, 20, February 3, 17

Pine Valley Apts. Adv • 3:45–4:30 p.m. Mondays, December 7, January 11, 25, February 8, 22

Primrose Community Disc • 1:45–2:30 p.m. Mondays, December 14, January 4, February 1, 15

Silver Birch Adv • 2:30–3:15 p.m. Thursdays, December 3, 17, January 7, 21, February 4, 18

Spice Run Adv • 4:00–4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, December 1, 15, January 5, 19, February 2, 16

Terrace Towers Disc • 3:00–3:30 p.m. Mondays, December 14, January 4, February 1, 15

Villas at Waterford Disc • 2:15–3:00 p.m. Thursdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25

Vinton Woods Disc • 4:00–4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, December 2, 16, January 6, 20, February 3, 17

Western Woods Adv • 3:45–4:30 p.m. Thursdays, December 3, 17, January 7, 21, February 4, 18

Windwood & Jeff Adv • 4:00–4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, December 8, January 12, 26, February 9, 23



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We are excited to announce that KHCPL was selected for a **2026 Lowe's Community Impact Grant worth $50,000!** Chosen as one of 100 recipients nationwide from more than 5,000 nominations, this support will help us transform our outdoor community space into an even more welcoming place to gather, connect, and grow together.

Booked for Blooming Community Garden

Ready to grow something great? Check out a garden bed like a book! Booked for Blooming, the newly named community garden at KHCPL South, opens online reservations on **February 1, 2027.**

Scan the QR code to explore our new online reservation system, find answers to your questions, and plan your garden!



Library Locations

KHCPL Main
220 N. Union St. Kokomo, IN 46901
765.457.3242

KHCPL South
1755 E. Center Rd. Kokomo, IN 46902
765.453.4150

KHCPL Russiaville
315 Mesa Dr. Russiaville, IN 46979
765.883.5112

KHCPL Outreach
305 E. Mulberry St. Kokomo, IN 46901
765.626.0855

Library Hours

Sunday: 2:00-5:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

KHCPL Russiaville is closed on Wednesdays.

All library locations will be closed:
Christmas - December 24 & 25
New Year's Day - January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 18