



KICK-OFF PARTY!

Friday, June 6 • 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. KHCPL Main • Any Age

+ CRAFTS + GAMES + TEMPORARY TATTOOS + + TREATS THROUGHOUT THE day! +

Kick off a summer filled with art, creativity, and lots of reading! We're going to celebrate all the ways art enriches our lives with this year's Summer Reading Program theme, Color Our World.

- Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and earn a free, age-appropriate book while supplies last.
- Wrangler & Friends from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Can't make it to the Kickoff Party?

You can still participate in summer reading by signing up at any library location or on the Beanstack app when it's convenient for you.

Bookmobile at the **Strawberry Festival**

Friday, June 6 • 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Downtown Kokomo • Any Age

2025 Summer Reading **Program**

Friday, June 6 through Saturday, July 19

- Pick up a Color Our World summer reading game board at any KHCPL location. Then read every day, placing the corresponding sticker on the calendar.
- After a seven-day reading streak, you'll earn a prize and a streak sticker! Come to any KHCPL location to collect these.
- If you miss a day of reading, don't worry. Just use one of the power-up stickers.
- Complete four out of the six reading streaks, and you'll earn a ticket to the Splish-Splash Final Bash at Kokomo Beach!

Splish-Splash Final Bash!

Saturday, July 26 • 6:00-9:00 p.m. • Kokomo Beach • Any Age

Complete the Summer Reading Program to earn your ticket to Kokomo Beach, and celebrate your success with three hours of swimming. Thanks to our sponsor, Solidarity Community Federal Credit Union. Solidarity Concessions will be available for purchase.





New Baby Bunch

Every Monday • 9:30-11:00 a.m. • KHCPL South Ages 0-2 | Adults

Do you have a new bundle of joy? Or maybe you feel like you're in the trenches of parenting? You're not alone! Join for friendship, support, and to share your parenting journey with other caregivers. For caregivers with a baby 0-12 months old. Older siblings welcome.





Pop into Summer

Monday, June 2 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

Whether you're looking to beat the heat or just enjoy a refreshing moment, our popsicle and ice cream party is the perfect way to kick off the summer season in our Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom. Popsicles and ice cream available while supplies last.

Monster Truck Mayhem

Monday, June 9 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Ages 2-5

Get ready for action-packed adventure designed for kiddos who are ready to rev their engines! Little ones will race, play games, create mini arenas, and complete a craft.



*ICAN (Indiana Children and Nature Network) Nature Play Days are events that encourage kids and families to get outside and play in nature, aiming to promote the importance of outdoor play and connect children with their local natural environment.

The Amazing World of **Virtual Reality**

Thursdays • 6:00-7:00 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room **Ages 6-13**

Experience the fun of VR gaming! Activities and games will vary each month so every time you join us it will be new and exciting.

- June 5 Gaming Gadgets
- August 7 Intergalactic Space Adventure

Reading With Therapy Pets!

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

- + Love on a Leash
 - KHCPL Main Saturdays, June 7, July 5, August 2 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon **Children's Department**
- + Paws to Read
 - KHCPL Russiaville Saturdays, June 7 and August 2 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon • Meeting Room
 - KHCPL South Wednesdays, June 18, July 16, August 20 • 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 - KHCPL Main Saturdays, June 21, July 19, August 16 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon **Children's Department**

INTERACTIVE AUTHOR VISIT!

Shannon Anderson

Dive into the enchanting world of Shannon Anderson's beloved books! These fun and engaging events will include a live reading, followed by hands-on activities. Learn more about Shannon Anderson and her work at

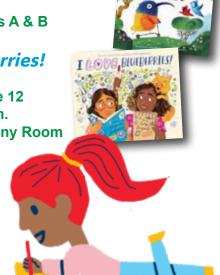
www.shannonisteaching.com.

Heroes Don't Have to Fly

■ KHCPL Main - Monday, June 9 2:00-3:00 p.m. Meeting Rooms A & B **Ages 6-11**

+ I Love Blueberries!

KHCPL South Thursday, June 12 10:00-11:00 a.m. **Cardinal & Peony Room Ages 6-11**



STORY TIMES

+ Little Learners

Wednesdays, June 11, 18, 25, July 30, August 13, 20, 27 • 10:00-10:45 a.m. • KHCPL South Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3-5

Join us for a journey into the world of stories, rhythm, and creativity, where imagination knows no bounds and learning is an adventure.

+ ColorOuest

Wednesdays, June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16 12:30-1:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main Children's Department • Ages 2-6 Join us for a vibrant summer of stories, learning, and fun. Each week, we'll explore a new color of the rainbow through engaging read-alouds and activities.

A STORY TElling Adventure in EVERY HUE

Have kids in different age brackets? World Art Wednesday and Color Quest are companion programs designed for full-family engagement!

+ Tiny Tykes

Fridays, June 13, 20, 27, August 15, 22, 29 10:00-10:45 a.m. • KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 0-2

Journey into the world of early literacy. Our engaging, interactive event nurtures a love for reading, language development, and sensory exploration.



Bookmobile Craft & Story Time

Tuesdays, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 9:30-11:00 a.m. Jackson Morrow Park • Ages 0-11

Story Time on the Porch at the Howard County 4-H Fair

Daily, Monday, July 7-Thursday, July 10 2:00-2:30 p.m. and 6:00-6:30 p.m. **Howard County Fairgrounds • Any Age** Join us for story time on the porch of the LEAD Center (4-H fair office) at the Howard County Fairgrounds. You'll hear guest readers share their favorite stories.





Chickens: A Flock of Fun

Tuesday, June 10 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room • Any Age Join us for a feather-filled adventure as we explore the wonderful world of chickens! Our special program will feature interactive stories, fun facts, and hands-on activities that will delight chicken enthusiasts.

live virtual event with an **AUTHOR + illustrator**

Learn to Draw with Hope Larson

Wednesday, June 11 • 2:00-3:00 p.m. • Ages 8-13

- KHCPL Main Discovery Center
- KHCPL South Tulip Tree Room

Come to the library and learn to draw during a live webinar with best-selling and award-winning author Hope Larson. This virtual program is offered by Baker & Taylor.





World Art Wednesday

12:30-1:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main • The Nook • Ages 8-13 Each session explores art inspired by cultures from around the world, introducing young artists to diverse artistic traditions, techniques, and materials.

- + Japan: Fold & Fun June 11
- + Italy: Mosaic Makers June 18
- + Africa: Kente Prints & Patterns June 25
- Native America: Pinch Pottery July 2
- + Mexico: Paper Piñatas July 9
- + India: Spice Painting July 16

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CREATIVE CURIOSITIES

2:00-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 8-13

Bugged Out - Thursday, June 12

Discover the fascinating world of macroinvertebrates and their amazing adaptations. Then, use your creativity to design and build your own one-of-a-kind bug with unique features to help it survive.

Chameleon Slime - Thursday, June 26

Get hands-on with chemistry and create slime that magically changes color! Learn about thermochromic reactions and watch your slime shift shades before your eyes.

Deconstruct and Design - Thursday, July 10

Ever wondered what's inside everyday electronics? Take apart old gadgets, explore their inner workings, and turn the pieces into an artistic masterpiece!

Cardboard Creations - Thursday, July 17

Put your engineering and art skills to the test! Use the Chompsaw - a kid-friendly cardboard power tool - to cut, shape, and assemble cardboard into amazing works of art.

Mess-tival - Thursday, July 24

Get ready for a messy, colorful explosion of creativity! Try splatter painting, pendulum painting, and wild tools like flyswatters and Slinkys to make vibrant works of art.



Pizza Garden Planting Party

Thursday, June 12 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore
Outdoor Classroom • Ages 6-13
Develop skills in planting and nurturing the
herbs and vegetables needed to make our
own pizzas in the Nature Explore Outdoor
Classroom.

Bike Safety Rodeo

Saturday, June 14 • 10:00 a.m.-Noon KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom Any Age

Kids, grab your bike and helmet and join us as the Russiaville Police Department teaches bike safety. If you don't have a helmet, we have one for you. Max, our favorite K-9, will be here, too! We'll have a variety of safety vehicles for you to explore.

- Prizes
- Face painting
- Balloons
- Games
- Hot dogs
- Popcorn

Stuffed Animal Rescue

Monday, June 16 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore
Outdoor Classroom • Ages 2-5
In this exciting adoption event, each child
will have the opportunity to choose their
very own miniature stuffed animal from our
"Rescue Center" to take home and care for.
Rescue Center animals available while
supplies last.



Youth Multicultural Rhythm Workshop

■ Workshop - Daily, Monday, June 16 - Wednesday, June 18 • 3:30-4:45 p.m. KHCPL Outreach Garage, 305 E. Mulberry St. 1st-5th grades

The Kokomo Park Band, partnering with the library, invites students to the 30th Annual Youth Multicultural Rhythm Workshop. Led by KPB's principal percussionist, Art Reiner, this workshop promises an enriching experience for young musicians. *Please note: participants are expected to register for all three days of the workshop.*

Performance - Wednesday, June 18
6:30-7:30 p.m. • Highland Park
Celebrate the culmination of the workshop with a pre-concert demonstration by students, followed by a joint performance with the Kokomo Park Band.
The concert is free and open to the public.

Board Game Fun

Mondays, June 16, July 21, August 18 5:30-8:00 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room Any Age

Snacks and board games! Play games like WarMachine, Dice Throne, Marvel United, and Riot Quest. Or you can play Sorry, Candy Land, or Scrabble. Grab a friend and play your favorite game. Drop-ins welcome.

Color the World with Banzi Balloons

- KHCPL Main Tuesday, June 172:00-4:00 p.m. Meeting Rooms A & B
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cardinal & Peony Room
 Join Hoosier balloon artist Brian Getz for an interactive program exploring artistic concepts like color, proportion, and realism through balloon sculptures and famous artworks. Kids of all ages will create their own balloon art and help build a stunning balloon chandelier for the library!



Mystic Chess Quest

Friday, June 20 • 2:00-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 8-13

In this life-size chess experience, children become the pieces, moving across a giant chessboard in an exciting, interactive game. Players can choose to dress up as knights, queens, rooks, and more if they'd like, but it's not required to join in the fun. Costumes will not be provided.



Monday, June 23 • 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B Ages 3-13

Step right up for an afternoon of fun, games, and tasty popcorn! No tickets needed, every game is free at the most magical library around!



String, Swirl & Paint

Tuesday, June 24 • 5:00-6:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Children's Department • Ages 6-11

Ignite your creativity by using yarn as "paint." Perfect for young artists who love to design unique and textured works of art. No painting experience needed, just imagination and a love of color!

Bubble Bonanza!

Thursday, June 26 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

Let's get together for a bubbly good time at the library! This fun-filled event features exciting bubble activities, games, and crafts that are sure to make a splash.



Fidget Crafts

Thursday, June 26 • 1:00-2:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room Ages 6-11

Children ages 6 and up create their own fun and soothing fidget toys. We'll be making crafts perfect for keeping little hands busy.

The Day the Crayons Took Over

Friday, June 27 • 2:00-3:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main **Ages 3-13**

COIOR, CRAFT, AND CONNECT Through Crayon art



This colorful program is inspired by the popular book The Day the Crayons Quit. Through crayonthemed crafts, challenges/games, and collaborative art, kids will have the freedom to create through the joy of coloring.

Music & Movement

featuring Kindermusik.

For children ages 18 months to 5 years

- KHCPL South Saturdays, June 28 and August 23 • 10:00-10:30 a.m. **Tulip Tree Room**
- KHCPL Russiaville Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21 • 10:00-10:30 a.m. **Meeting Room**
- KHCPL South Tuesdays, August 12 and 26 • 3:30-4:00 p.m. **Tulip Tree Room**

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

Mud Camp

Monday, June 30 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. **KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Any Age**

International Mud Day encourages families to embrace messy play as a learning tool. Kids can dig, squish, and explore mud in a safe, supervised environment.

Magic and Art by Dan Gogh

- KHCPL Main Tuesday, July 1 2:00-3:00 p.m. Meeting Rooms A & B • Any Age
- KHCPL South Tuesday, July 1 6:00-7:00 p.m. Cardinal & Peony Room • Any Age

The Magic & Art Show blends comedy, magic, and art to spark creativity. Enjoy wacky colors, magical drawings, and surprises, plus a big focus on reading!

Tiny Twirlers

- Class Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16 10:00-10:45 a.m. • KHCPL South Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3-5 Join Tiny Twirlers for a fun, energetic dance class to explore movement and rhythm through music, twirls, and giggles.
- **Dance Party and Showcase** Wednesday, July 23 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room Dance and sway at an island-themed party for children of all ages! Wear your favorite tropical outfits and join us for a vibrant celebration of movement where young dancers will proudly show off what they've learned.

Outdoor Art Camp

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. **KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor** Classroom • Ages 2-11

Designed to foster artistic expression, this hands-on, outdoor adventure combines the joy of nature with the fun of making art in a dynamic and supportive environment.

Messy Art Day

Tuesday, July 8 • 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Firefly Stage Children & Teens





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Under the Sea Adventures

Monday, July 7 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor
Classroom • Any Age

For this exciting, ocean-themed outdoor adventure, kids can engage with fun activities that spark creativity and curiosity.

Rainbow Fuel

Tuesday, July 8 • 5:00-6:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B
Ages 6-11

Through colorful creations, kids will make fun, edible art using naturally colorful foods, encouraging creativity while reinforcing healthy eating habits that fuel the body, mind, and spirit every day.





Little Blue Truck's Party at the Library

Friday, July 11 • 10:00-11:30 a.m. KHCPL Main • Ages 2-5

This playful program is packed with farmyard fun, crafts, and interactive games for our small patrons.

Hi-Five Cheer Camp

Monday, July 14 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Ages 2-5

For kids who love stories, movement, and having fun! Cheer Camp combines the spirit of cheerleading with the magic of picture books to create an unforgettable experience.



Stained Craft Butterflies

Tuesday, July 15 • 2:00-3:00 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

The whole family is invited to join us and the Howard County Recycling District as we make old crayons "metamorphose" into beautiful butterflies.

Pendulum Painting

Thursday, July 17 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room Ages 6-13

Watch as gravity and momentum turn simple movements into mesmerizing works of art. Dress for a mess and come ready to experiment with color, motion, and fun!

Kokochella Music Festival for Children

Friday, July 18 • 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Ages 0-11

You're invited to Kokochella, Kokomo's first music festival created for young music lovers! This music experience is perfect for children and families who love singing and dancing.

Headline Performance • 10:00 a.m.
 Get ready to sing, clap, and dance along during this visit by award-winning musician and author Jim Gill.



Dinosaur Explorers

Monday, July 21 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

Dig for fossils, create dinosaur crafts, and navigate an obstacle course!



FIN-tastic Shark Party

Wednesday, July 23 • 12:30-1:30 p.m. KHCPL Main • Children's Department Ages 3-11

FISHING for a good time? Join us in celebrating the FIN-ale of Summer Reading! Kids will enjoy a SEA-worthy story time, games, music, activities, and JAW-some crafts.

Shark-tacular Bash

Monday, July 28 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore
Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

Get ready to dive into an ocean of fun outdoors with shark-themed activities, games, and crafts that will make a big splash! It's the perfect way to celebrate the end of summer with your little ones. This family friendly event is designed for preschool and elementary-aged kids.

Story Time with Officer Swan and K-9 Max

Monday, August 4 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room | Nature Explore
Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

Spend some time with Officer Swan and our favorite police dog, Max! You'll also be able to check out the police car.



BACK TO SChool

Back To School Bingo

Wednesday, August 6 • 5:00-6:00 p.m. KHCPL Main • Children's Department Ages 6-13

Kindergarten-to-6th graders, come celebrate the new school year with us! Play Book Bingo and win school supplies.



Homeschool Resource Fair

Friday, August 8 • 2:00-4:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Any Age

Are you a homeschool parent? We'll have fun activities for kids while we share with parents the resources the library offers. **Sign in starts at 1:45 p.m.**

Learn about using AI to create lesson plans, the library's digital resources, Experience Kits that can support your homeschooling journey, Beanstack reading challenges, and STEM opportunities at the library.

Plus, take advantage of free vision screenings and Drums Alive! Adults can also participate in our Beanstack Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win a prize.

Homeschool Book Club

PICKUP ONLY

Monday, August 25 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. KHCPL Main • Discovery Center • Ages 6-11

Pickup Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel and The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine to get ready for homeschool book club. Each month we read and discuss a variety of genres from fiction to graphic novels to develop diverse readers.



Weather Fun

Monday, July 28 • 3:00-4:00 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom Children & Teens

Join Austin Pearson, Climatologist with the Indiana State Climate Office, as we explore Indiana weather.

Go Wild Outside

Mondays, August 11, 18, 25 • 10:00 a.m.-Noon KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

Play along with your children as they explore a variety of activities in our Art, Building, Climbing, Garden, Messy Play, and Music areas in the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom.

Drums Alive!

■ KHCPL Russiaville - Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 10:00-10:30 a.m. • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom Any Age

■ KHCPL South - Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28
6:30-7:15 p.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room • Any Age
Join us for a fun activity class for all ages and abilities.

We'll use drumsticks and an exercise ball to foster a healthy

We'll use drumsticks and an exercise ball to foster a healthy balance - physically, emotionally, mentally, and socially.

All Ages

Juneteenth with the Freetown Village Singers

Wednesday, June 18 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room | Firefly
Stage • Any Age

Preserving African American traditions and culture through storytelling and song, the Freetown Village Singers of Indianapolis describe their presentation as an interactive collection of traditional folk songs and Negro Spirituals. With a mix of a capella singing and storytelling, the Singers interpret the meanings of many songs sung during religious gatherings, work, and leisure time from over a hundred years ago.

Family Movie Nights KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom

Bring a chair or blanket and join us for a fun family movie! We'll supply the popcorn and drinks. Movies start at dusk.

- Friday, June 20 8:00-10:30 p.m.

 Robots Rock! Join the Howard County Recycling District as we create our very own robots out of recycled materials. Stick around to watch the movie adaptation of the beloved children's book by Peter Brown. Sponsored by Russiaville Community Outreach.
- Friday, July 25 9:00-9:30 p.m. In Memory of Danny Bowman.
- Friday, August 22 8:00-9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Dr. Allison Gibson of Be Gentle Dentistry.



Are you enjoying our Summer Reading Program? Then keep an eye out for our Fall Into Reading Challenge!
The grand completion prize includes a drawing for a Kindle Color Soft or Amazon Fire for kids!



Nick Harless and Soulshaker

Friday, July 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

KHCPL South • Firefly Stage • Any Age

Join us at KHCPL South for an after-hours

concert. Nick Harless Band is a power Blues/

Rock trio from the Midwest with roots that sink
deep into the Texas dust. Check them out online

at www.nhsoulshaker.com.

Improv Comedy on the Lawn featuring John Branyan

Friday, August 22 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.

KHCPL South • Firefly Stage • Any Age
Get ready for a hilarious, unscripted comedy
show where you help create the fun! Audience
suggestions shape the scenes, and brave
volunteers might even take the stage during this
clean, interactive comedy show.

Bring a chair or blanket for these outdoor events.

How to Plant a Butterfly Garden Tuesday, July 22 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room • Any Age

Learn from Master Gardeners Marian and Carol, the designers of KHCPL South's butterfly garden. They will teach you how to create a butterfly garden in your own backyard.

Down on the Farm Fun

Thursday, July 31 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

The ARK Miniature Horses will be bringing some of their friends to KHCPL Russiaville for farm-themed fun with live animals! Their miniature horses will be joined by a donkey, sheep, goat, rabbit, and chickens.





Library-at-Home

A service for those physically unable to come to the library. Sign up by calling the Senior Service Coordinator at 765.626.0858. The Senior Service Coordinator will visit your home to verify eligibility, as well as gather information on the type of materials you would like to receive.

- 50 items per month may be checked out.
- The due date for items is the next delivery date.
- There are no fines if items are returned without damage.
- Delivery is once per month.



Public Bookmob

Don't miss it! Come to Jackson Morrow Park for craft and story time with the bookmobile. For more details see p. 4.

Brentwood Greene Disc • 1:45-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays • June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Bloom at Kokomo Adv • 1:00-1:45 p.m. Thursdays • June 5, 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Chippendale Disc • 3:45-4:30 p.m. Mondays • June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28

Christy Lane Disc • 3:45-4:30 p.m. Thursdays • June 5, 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Farmers Market • 9:00 a.m.-Noon Saturdays, June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26

Fox Acres Apartments Adv • 3:00-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays • June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Friendship Haven Disc • 1:45-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays • June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Garden Square Disc • 11:00 a.m.-noon Wednesdays • June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Greenacres & Crestview Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays • June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Jefferson Manor Adv • 1:45-2:30 p.m. Mondays • June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28

Kingston Square Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays • June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Madison & Berkley Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays • June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Meadowbrook & Cranbrook Disc 2:15-3:00 p.m. • Mondays • June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28

Oliene & McKibben Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m. Thursdays • June 5, 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Primrose Community Adv • 2:15-3:00 p.m. Thursdays • June 5, 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Silver Birch Adv • 10:00-10:45 a.m. Thursdays • June 5, 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Spice Run Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m. Mondays • June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28

Sugar Mill Farms Adv • 3:00-3:30 p.m. Mondays • June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28

Taylor Elementary Adv • 11:00 a.m.-noon Tuesdays • June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Terrace Towers Disc • 12:45-1:30 p.m. Mondays • June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28

Turtle Creek Apartments Disc • 3:00-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays • June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Villas at Waterford Disc • 12:30-1:00 p.m. Thursdays • June 5, 12, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Windwood & Jeff Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays • June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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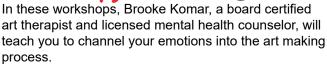
Teens' Choice Book Club

First Tuesday of the Month • 5:00-6:00 p.m. KHCPL Main • Large Group Study • Teens

Teens meet up once a month to discuss a book with their peers centered around a theme. Teens will talk about what they liked about their book, what they didn't, and how it fits the theme. The themes for the next meetings are:

- June 3 Transform
- July 1 Ghost
- August 5 Descend

Art Therapy for Teens 📞



These programs were paid for by a grant from the Community Foundation of Howard County.

Happiness Pie

Tuesday, June 3 • 2:00-3:30 p.m. KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B Using provided art materials, participants will explore the 8 dimensions of wellness to assess their personal recipe for happiness.

Gratitude Hearts: Felted Feelings Tuesday, June 10 • 2:00-3:30 p.m. KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B Participants will use wool felting or collage to

explore what they love and are grateful for.

Redacted: Exploring Life Edits Tuesday, June 24 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room Creating blackout poetry using pages from literature and art materials, participants will reflect on personal themes to promote mental wellness

and personal boundaries.

Guided Imagery,

Relaxation, and Expression

Tuesday, July 1 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

KHCPL South • Cardinal &

Peony Room

Brooke will lead participants through progressive muscle relaxation (PMR) and guided imagery, two techniques empirically shown to reduce stress. Following these approaches, teens will engage in art making to explore personal imagery that arose.



TEEN ART GROUP

Every Thursday • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Large Group Study • Teens

Hey teens, it's time to Color Our World! 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 • 5:00-6:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Large Group Study • Teens

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



Friday, June 13 • 1:00-5:00 p.m. **KHCPL Main • Meeting** Rooms A & B • Teens

Bring a classic board game to life! Choose your color, become a pawn, and knock your opponents off the board in your bid to get home. Just be sure to say sorry! Teens only.







Paint-Over

Friday, June 20 • 2:30-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main **Large Group Study • Teens**

Teens can put their own spin on classic works of art. Should Starry Night have a UFO? Maybe there are ghosts in Monet's Poppies. Pick your favorite classic piece and add your own vision. Teens only.

Mixed Media Madness

Friday, June 27 • 2:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Large Group Study • Teens

Take the chance to use a variety of materials to create your art. Paint, markers, glue and more; use whatever you like to bring your vision to life. Teens only.

CD Painting

Monday, June 30 • 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room • Teens

Take the chance to paint on CDs. See how the paint reacts to the different surfaces of a CD and create your own CD art series. Teens only.

Shadow Bouquets

Friday, July 11 • 2:30-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Large Group Study • Teens

Build a small bouquet, pick your light source, and trace the shadows. Decorate your shadow tracing however you please. Teens only.

Book Page Buttons

Wednesday, July 16 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. KHCPL Main • The Digital Den • Teens

Come to the Digital Den and make your own book page button. Decorate your page with colored pencils or markers, then make it into a button. Teens only.

DIY Board Games

Tuesday, August 12 • 4:00-6:00 p.m. KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B • Teens

In this DIY Board Game class, you'll learn how to create your very own game from scratch. All materials will be provided, and by the end of the class, you'll have your own custom board game to take home and play with friends and family!



Whodunnit?

Play a Live Game of Clue

Saturday, August 16 • 1:00-4:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room **Teens**

Teens will have the chance to don a new identity and play a live game of Clue. Register for your spot in this classic whodunnit game and learn the truth about Cy Fye Genre's demise. Teens only.

Teens & Adults



Every Monday • 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room Teens & Adults

Drop in to learn sewing or quilting basics or get help on a project.



Yoga Does a Body Good

6:00-7:00 p.m. • Jeff Stout Community Center, Russiaville

- + Hello Summer: Yin Yoga
 Tuesday, June 3 Teens & Adults
 Celebrate the abundance of summer with this
 transformational yin sequence. Yin Yoga is a slowpaced practice with floor-based poses held a bit
 longer than traditional yoga styles.
- + Dog Days of Summer: Restorative Yoga

Tuesday, August 5 • Teens & Adults

Chill out during the dog days of summer with this calming restorative yoga sequence. In this restorative yoga practice, the body is fully supported by props to promote deep relaxation.

Create with Cricut

Learn how to use the Cricut Design Space to make incredible designs.

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville Meeting Room Teens & Adults
- Monday, June 9 Custom Koozie
- Monday, August 11 Customize Your Own Tote Bag

Paper Bead DIY

Tuesday, June 10 • 4:00-5:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B • Teens & Adults

In this hands-on class, you'll transform simple paper into beautiful, colorful beads. Our instructor will guide you through the entire process, from cutting and rolling the paper to creating one-of-a-kind designs. All materials are provided, and by the end of the session, you'll have your own set of custom paper beads to show off.

Yarn. A Fiber Arts Group

KHCPL Main • Large Group Study Teens & Adults

- Fridays, June 13, July 11, August 1 Noon-1:30 p.m.
- Mondays, June 16, July 21, August 11 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Bring your crochet, knitting, needle work, or any fiber arts project to chill and spend some time with other crafters! This program is for those with some prior experience and will be conducted without

Crochet Basics

provided instructors.

Tuesday, June 17 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Digital Den • Teens & Adults

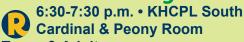
This class is perfect for absolute beginners. You'll learn the essentials, like how to hold a crochet hook and work your way through a line of single crochets. Our instructor will guide you through each step in a clear, right-handed style, and all materials will be provided. By the end of the class, you'll have a solid foundation to build on for all your future crochet projects.

Let's Line Dance with Jan!

Tuesdays, June 17 and August 19 6:00-7:00 p.m. • Jeff Stout Community Center, Russiaville • Teens & Adults

Have fun learning different line dance steps, then we'll put it all together! No experience necessary. No open heeled shoes recommended.

Anime and Manga Club



Teens & Adults

Manga and Anime, which are Japanese comic books and animation, are more popular than ever and cover many different genres. Longtime fans as well as those who are just beginning to explore these artforms are welcome.

- Thursday, July 24 Excited for Omniscient Reader's Viewpoint? We will be celebrating the release of the novel and movie, as well as discussing the manhwa.
- Thursday, August 21 Love Yona of the Dawn? Like jewelry-making? Join us as we recreate the earrings from Yona of the Dawn and discuss the series.



Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, August 23 • 5:00-8:00 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room Teens & Adults

A continuation of the adventures through the Spider's Web around Phandalin! All you need to bring are your imagination and ability to think outside the box while diving into a fantasy world.

Paper Making DIY

Tuesday, July 15 3:30-6:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main

Meeting Rooms A & B Teens & Adults

Learn how to turn everyday materials into beautiful, textured paper from scratch.

Our instructor will guide you through each step, from pulping the paper to drying and shaping your creations. All materials will be provided, and you'll leave with your very own handmade paper ready to use for your next project.

How Do You PREDICT THE WEATHER?

Tuesday, August 26

KHCPL Russiaville

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

Teens & Adults
Join Austin Pearson,
Climatologist with
the Midwestern
Regional Climate Center,
Indiana State Climate Office, and a
resident of Russiaville, for an engaging
discussion about Indiana's weather.
Participants will learn about the Purdue
Mesonet, a statewide, research-based
weather observation network, and the
Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and
Snow (CoCoRaHS) Network.

Blueberries, Blackberries, and Raspberries

Tuesday, July 15 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room Teens & Adults

This presentation by Master Gardener Buddy Knepley will give you the basics to successfully grow any of these small fruits and enjoy them fresh or freeze them for later.

hEY, WRITERS!

Feedback for writers by writers. New members are encouraged to bring something they're working on to submit for feedback.

+ Writers' Group
Wednesdays, June 4, July 2, August 6 • 5:00-8:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room • Adults

+ Poetry Group
Wednesdays, June 11, July 9, August 13 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Large Group Study • Adults



Art Therapy for Adults 😲

Brooke Komar, a board certified art therapist and licensed mental health counselor, will teach you to channel your emotions into the art making process. *This program was paid for by a grant from the Community Foundation of Howard County.*

Happiness Pie

Wednesday, June 4 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B

Explore the 8 dimensions of wellness to assess your personal recipe for happiness.

Gratitude Hearts: Felted Feelings Wednesday, June 11• 6:00-7:30 p.m.

KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B

Use wool felting or collage to explore what you love and are grateful for.

Redacted: Exploring Life Edits

Monday, June 23 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B

Using pages from literature and art materials, reflect on personal themes to promote mental wellness and

personal boundaries.

Guided Imagery, Relaxation, and Expression

Monday, June 30 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B

Engage in 3 distinct wellness activities including progressive muscle relaxation (PMR), guided imagery and art creation.

Active Readers Club



Every Tuesday • 8:30-9:30 a.m. KHCPL Russiaville • Adults

Join us to stay active and share your favorite reads. Inclement weather times will include an indoor workout at the library. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities.

Mental Health Access Days

Tuesdays, June 10, 24, July 8, 22, August 5, 19 9:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main, Quiet Study 2 Adults

Are you an adult struggling with anxiety, depression, or another mental health challenge? Come talk confidentially with a 4C Health associate who will connect you with local help.

Legal Aid Clinic

No Appointment Necessary
Every Wednesday • 9:00 a.m.-Noon
KHCPL Main • Large Group Study • Adults
Need pro bono representation? Have questions for an attorney? Apply with Pro Bono Indiana, Inc. to get the

- 9:00-11:00 a.m. | General Advice Clinic No criminal law questions.
 Kevin Jones - 765.450.9534
 kevin.jones@probonoindiana.org
- 11:00 a.m.-Noon | Eviction Clinic Carmon Yarbrough - 765.416.3363 carmon.yarbrough@probonoindiana.org

legal assistance you need at no cost!

BYOM: Bring Your Own Miniature Painting

Wednesdays, June 4, 18, July 2, 16, August 6, 20 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.

KHCPL Main • The Digital Den • Adults

Gather together with the local gaming community and paint minis! We will be here to assist in helping bring your character to life.





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.

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library Blood Drive

- KHCPL South Thursday, June 12 1:00-6:00 p.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room
- KHCPL Main Friday, July 11 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. • Meeting Rooms A & B
- KHCPL South Thursday, August 7 1:00-6:00 p.m. Cardinal & Peony Room

Help save a life. Please call 1.800.RED.CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter KHCPL to schedule an appointment.

CrisisReady Howard County

5:30-6:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults

- + Stay Informed Thursday, June 12 Learn where you can receive weather alerts and emergency updates and understand school and employer notification plans. Plus! Learn Stop the Bleed from Ascension St. Vincent-Kokomo. There is no minimum age requirement for Stop the Bleed, but parents and guardians should be aware that there are graphic images and content included in the presentation.
- + Family Communication Plan Thursday, July 10 - Learn tips on how to communicate during disasters and how to create a plan.
- + Specialized Family Needs

Thursday, August 14 - What information do you need to access that are unique to your family? What are some extra steps which may need to be taken? What is a Caregiver's Authorized Affidavit? Learn all this and more. Plus, learn Narcan Administration from the Howard County Health Department.

Save the Date!

Test your trivia knowledge and help support the library during our fundraiser on Thursday, September 18. Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for all the details!

Vertical File Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, June 12 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. KHCPL Main • Genealogy & Local History **Department • Adults**

Learn how the vertical file in the Genealogy & Local History Department works and what treasures you can find in it. The vertical file is made up of filing cabinet drawers that contain newspaper clippings, brochures, maps, pamphlets, booklets, and the like. Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet to play detective and learn interesting tidbits about Howard County history.

Flower Pot Gnome



Saturday, June 14 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room

We all know how much fun it can be to add a little whimsy and charm to our homes, and what better way to do that than with a cute flower pot gnome?

Card Creators



Tuesdays, June 24 and August 19 9:30-11:30 a.m., 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 to Samaritan Caregivers. All supplies are provided.

Adult Technology Camp

Mondays • 3:00-4:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main The Digital Den • Adults

In this weekly class, we will teach you basics for technology in 2025 as well as how to stay safe online. No previous experience necessary.

- June 9 Computer Basics
- June 16 Smartphone Basics
- June 23 Online Shopping and Online Bill Pay Basics
- ◆ June 30 Scam Prevention with Community First
- July 7 Password Management
- July 14 Cloud Storage Basics
- July 21 Al Basics
- July 28 3D Printing Basics

Digital Den Designs

6:00-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main • The Digital Den **Adults**

- + Color Your Own Mandala Thursday, June 12 - Come and color your own printed mandala coloring page.
- + Suncatcher Painting Thursday, July 10 - Paint and design your own suncatcher.
- + Miniature Canvas Painting Thursday, August 14 - Paint your own miniature canvas with any design of your choosing.

Book Buddies

Tuesdays, June 24, July 22, August 26 2:00-2:45 p.m. • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults

Join our book club for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We enjoy books, make friends, and have fun! All are welcome, regardless of reading ability. Snacks and water are provided. If you have any questions, please call 765.626.0813.

Book Discussions ¹



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. • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B
 - ◆ Wednesday, July 9 Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner
 - Wednesday, August 13 The Last Love Note by Emma Grey
- + KHCPL Russiaville 1:00-2:00 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville **Meeting Room**
 - Thursday, July 10 -The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict
 - Thursday, August 14 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury





Well Read and Badly Behaved **Book Club**

Wednesdays, July 16, August 20 • 6:00-7:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room • Adults

We are well read and badly behaved. Are you? Yeah. We see you nodding. And hear you laughing. So you definitely need to join us! Call 765.453.4150 for the monthly title.



Color Confidence

Thursday, July 10 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room

Thinking about refreshing your space with a new coat of paint? Join us for a session on interior painting, where you'll learn expert tips on choosing colors, prepping, and applying paint like a pro.

Every Little Thing is Going to be All Right



Saturday, July 12 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room

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Adults

The sentiment "Everything Little Thing is Going to be All Right" is an encouragement to stay positive and not worry. We'll turn this reminder into a stunning piece of home decor! This is an easy craft that anyone can make.



AUTHOR VISIT!

Barbara Olenyik Morrow

World War II Through the Eyes of **Two Small-Town Hoosiers** Thursday, July 17 • 6:00-7:00 p.m. KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults

Author Barbara Olenyik Morrow will share from her new book, Army Guy, Red Cross Gal, a story about two northeast Indiana Hoosiers who served in Europe during World War II. Autographed copies of her new book will be available for purchase before and after her presentation, with hardbacks available for \$27 and paperbacks available for \$22. Cash only please.



Mocktails & Masterpieces Nifty Over Fifty and Friends

Tuesday, July 22 • 2:00-3:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room Adults 50+

Explore your creativity while enjoying a refreshing, alcohol-free beverage! Paint a small watercolor bookmark and learn to make an easy non-alcoholic beverage. No prior experience in mixology or art is necessary, and participants are encouraged to have fun with the process. Adult friends under 50 are also welcome.

Paint with Friends **Coneflower Creation**



KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room

Learn new painting techniques and explore your creativity with our favorite artist, Jamie!







Stencil & Style **DIY Tote Bag Workshop**

Saturday, August 9 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room

Adults

In this hands-on session, you'll personalize your own ecofriendly tote bag with stencils! Choose from a variety of patterns, or create your own, for a unique, stylish, and reusable accessory. All materials will be provided.

Good Vibes Only - Puzzle People

Saturday, July 26 • 2:00-3:00 p.m. • KHCPL South Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults

Calling all puzzle people! Hang out and chat while we work on puzzles together. Good Vibes Only is a laid-back event designed for adults looking to expand their social networks. Whether you're new to the area or just want to meet people with similar interests, join us in a welcoming, casual environment to forge new connections. Bring a friend or make a friend!

Genealogy for Daytime Owls Saturday, August 23 • 1:00-5:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main • Genealogy and Local History

Department • Adults

Do you have Night Owls withdrawals? Come to the Genealogy & Local History Department for four hours of solid research time. No food or door prizes like our big, twice-a-year Genealogy for Night Owls, but lots of time to look for hidden family in the Genealogy & Local History Department.

Birthday Card Making Buffet Fundraiser for Relay For Life

Tuesday, July 29 • 5:00-7:45 p.m. KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room **Adults**

The Birthday Card Buffet is an opportunity to handcraft cards using rubber stamping and paper crafting techniques. Bring your own adhesive and a donation for Relay for Life! A cash donation for each card you make will be contributed to Relay for Life. "Buffet" means you'll choose from a variety of cards that are pre-designed but limited in quantity.

Kokomo Filmmakers Group

+ Lighting and Color Class

Thursday, June 26 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. **KHCPL Main • Digital Den**

Teens & Adults

Are you interested in learning more about lighting and color when making videos? This class is for you! Join the Kokomo Filmmakers group to help grow our local network of movie-making professionals.

Scriptwriting Workshop

Thursday, July 31 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. KHCPL Main • The Digital Den • Adults

In this workshop, you will learn scriptwriting techniques and then be able to put them into action by collaborating with fellow filmmakers to craft an original script.

The 5th Annual Kokomo 48-Hour Film Contest

Do you love making or watching local films?

- Team Registration Friday, August 29 7:00-9:00 p.m. Sun King Kokomo, 500 N. Buckeye St. • Adults
- Submission Deadline Sunday, August 31 8:00 p.m.
- Screening Friday, September 5 7:00 p.m. Sun King Kokomo, Depot Room

Do you love making or watching local films? Come to the 48-Hour Film Contest! Register for the Film Contest and receive your rule packet. Inside the packet, you'll find the location that must be featured in the video, a line that must be said, the genre your video must be, and any other surprise requirements. Once you pick up your packet, the clock starts and you have 48 hours to write, record, edit, and submit your film. The screening and awards presentation for all completed films will be on Friday, September 5.



