

MARCH-MAY 2025

Explore your OPPORTUNITIES



KOKOMO-HOWARD COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Library CON

Saturday,
May 17
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*Fun and
informative
events at your
library!*



Active Readers Club

Every Tuesday • 8:30-9:30 a.m.

KHCPL Russiaville • Adults

Stay active and share your favorite reads! Inclement weather times will include an indoor workout at the library. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities.

adults

Mental Health Access Days

Tuesdays, March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27

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.

Drums Alive! *Golden Beats*

R Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 25,
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27
10:00-10:45 a.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal &
Peony Room • Adults 55+

This fun, low-impact workout geared toward seniors can be done seated or standing, and every ability is welcome. Comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended.

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 legal assistance you need at no cost!

♦ 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

Spring into Tech

Adult Technology Classes

R Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
3:00-4:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main

Digital Den • Adults

- ♦ March 5 - Computer Basics with Digital Ben
- ♦ March 12 - Smart Phone Basics with Digital Ben
- ♦ March 19 - Scam Prevention with Justin Van Zuiden, Fraud Manager at Community First Bank
- ♦ March 26 - Cyber Security with Jeff Hodson, President of Elsewhen Technology

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Bank of Indiana

elsewhen technology
Business and Residential Computer and IT Solutions
We manage IT, you relax.

Hey, Writers!

Look at this →

Writers' Group

Wednesdays, March 5, April 2, May 7
5:00-8:00 p.m. • KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room
Adults

Poetry Group

Wednesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14
5:00-8:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main,
Large Group Study • Adults

Feedback for writers by writers.
New members are encouraged
to submit something for
feedback.

BYOM: Bring Your Own Miniature Painting

R Wednesdays, March 5, 19, April 2, 16, May 7, 21 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Digital Den • Adults
Gather together with the local gaming community and paint minis!

Oreo Taste Test Challenge

Thursday, March 6 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
Adults 50+

We're celebrating National Oreo Cookie Day with a taste test challenge with our Nifty Over Fifty friends! See if you can identify the flavors of a variety of cookies and vote on your favorite! We'll also have a "minute to win it" challenge and some trivia questions. All prizes are cookies.

Picture This!

Washi Tape Frame Craft

R Saturday, March 8 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults
With just a few simple supplies, you can create a gorgeous picture frame perfect for displaying your favorite photo, artwork, or inspirational quote. All supplies are provided. *Registration begins February 22 and ends March 6.*



OFF THE BOOKS
WITH

B&S

BETHANN | SAMANTHA

During Off the Books with B&S podcast, KHCPL employees Bethann and Samantha chat about all things books. Tune in using any podcasting platform.

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

book discussions **R**

- KHCPL Main - Wednesdays • 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Meeting Rooms A & B

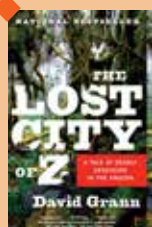
March 12
Before We Were Yours
Lisa Wingate



April 9
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie
Marie Benedict



May 14
The Lost City of Z
David Grann



- KHCPL Russiaville - Thursdays • 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Meeting Room

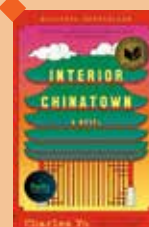
March 13
Klara and the Sun
Kazuo Ishiguro



April 10
Crying in H Mart
Michelle Zauner



May 8
Interior Chinatown
Charles Yu



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Craft Night in the Digital Den

R Thursdays, March 13, April 10, May 8
5:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Digital Den
Adults

Come to the Digital Den and use our tools to craft your ideas! The Den has items available to buy, such as button-making and Cricut supplies.

Blood Drives

- KHCPL Main - Fridays, March 14, May 9
Noon-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main
- KHCPL South - Thursday, April 10
1:00-6:00 p.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room

Help save a life. Schedule your blood donation appointment today. Please call 1.800.RED.CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter KHCPL to schedule appointment.

Discover Drawing A Beginner's Class

Thursday, March 13 • 10:00 a.m.-Noon
KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
Adults 65+

Join us for a creative beginner drawing class tailored for adults aged 65 and older. Guided by accomplished artist Marilyn Aleman, Vice President of the Kokomo Art Association, participants will learn drawing techniques in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Supplies will be provided.

This activity is made possible in part by the Indiana Arts Commission, which receives support from the State of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administrations Division of Aging.

Card Creators

R KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
Adults

- ♦ Tuesday, March 18
9:30-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- ♦ Tuesday, April 22
2:00-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Stay connected with friends and family with a handmade card that shows you care. We will make 3 all-occasion greeting cards. All supplies are provided at no cost. *Registration begins Tuesday, March 4 and April 8 at 9:00 a.m.*

Irish Quakers

Saturday, March 22 • 3:00-4:15 p.m.

R KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
Adults



Come
celebrate
Irish
History
Month

Angi Porter, a genealogy librarian from the Indiana State Library, will teach you all about this fascinating people group. This program will explore Irish Quaker history, as well as discuss genealogy resources in the United States and in Ireland.



Wednesdays, March 19, April 16, May 21
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.

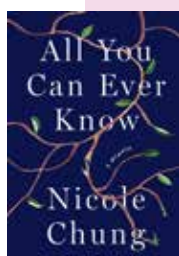
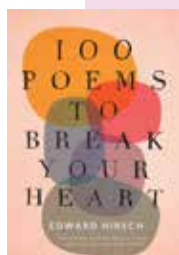


Kokomo Filmmakers Group

R 6:00-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Digital Den • Adults

Calling all Kokomo filmmakers! Whether you're an experienced director or actor or an aspiring screenwriter, gather with other local filmmakers to learn, network, and gain new ideas for filmmaking.

- ♦ **Thursday, March 27** - Pacing, Coverage and Transitions Class with Tony Budenz, Owner of smallGIANT Designs
- ♦ **Thursday, April 24** - Casting, Acting, and Directing Class
- ♦ **Thursday, May 29** - Kokomo Filmmakers Meet and Greet



Pages Across Kokomo

Join us for a collaborative book discussion group bringing together readers from the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library and Indiana University Kokomo Library.

- **KHCPL South - Monday, March 31**
2:00-3:00 p.m. • Tulip Tree Room
All That She Carried by Tiya Miles
- **Indiana University Kokomo Library**
Wednesday, April 30 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.
100 Poems to Break Your Heart by Edward Hirsch
- **KHCPL South - Saturday, May 31**
2:00-3:00 p.m. • Tulip Tree Room
All You Can Ever Know by Nicole Chung



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Good Vibes Only

Good Vibes Only is a laid-back monthly 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.

- ★ **Rejuvenating Read-A-Thon**
Saturday, March 29 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room

Come ready to be cozy and take some time to unwind with us. Bring the book you're currently reading or pick one up when you get here.

- ★ **Fandom Frenzy**

R Saturday, April 26 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room

Make or trade buttons and bracelets for your favorite fandoms!

- ★ **Sun Seekers Scavenger Hunt**

Saturday, May 31 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Firefly Stage

Join us for a scavenger hunt around the library's outdoor spaces! Bring a picnic blanket or chair to hang out.



CrisisReady Howard County

KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults

- ★ **Emergency Supply Kits & Go Bags**

Thursday, March 13 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Go Bags and Supply Kits are a necessity to have on hand in case something goes wrong. Learn how and what to pack to be at your safest.

- ★ **Evacuation and Sheltering in Place**

Thursday, April 10 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn what to take with you when you evacuate, where to take shelter during disasters, and how to seal a home from a chemical hazard. Plus! Learn Narcan administration from the Howard County Health Department. *This session does have an age requirement. Participants must be in at least 6th grade, and those under 18 need parental consent.*

- ★ **Hot Weather Preparedness**

Thursday, May 8 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Discuss tips to stay cool and keep food safe, plus learn how to recognize the signs of heat illness and who is at greatest risk from extreme heat. Plus! Learn Certified CPR from Ascension St. Vincent-Kokomo. *The CPR session will have a cost of \$5, which can be paid in cash or via Venmo at the event.*



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cute reversible spring sign

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

Adults

This reversible Spring sign craft is double the fun because there are two cute sides to it! We'll create with a wood panel, paint, and adorable printables. All supplies will be provided. *Registration begins March 29 and ends April 10.*

bloom and verse

R Sunday, April 13 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Peony Room • Adults

Craft unique bookmarks using dried florals and repurpose discarded books to create your own keepsake celebrating National Poetry Month.



spring plant swap

Saturday, May 3 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults
Bring a plant, take a plant. It's that simple! Stop by and enjoy light refreshments and drinks while mingling with fellow plant lovers. Stay for a program by Purdue Extension Educator Mathias Ingle on adaptive gardening, a method to help aging or disabled populations enjoy their favorite pastime.



Lineage Research Workshop *Daughters of the American Revolution*

R Saturday, May 3 • 10:00 a.m.-Noon
KHCPL Main • Adults

Join us for an opportunity to get help with applications for lineage society membership. DAR members from the General James Cox Chapter will assist you in filling out the paperwork and gathering documents for applications to various lineage societies.

Hand Lettering for Beginners

R Saturday, May 10 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room

Adults

We'll learn and practice eight basic brush lettering strokes, then create an inspirational quote with a cool background made with wet tissue paper. Drawing letters is a learned skill, and with practice anyone can learn to letter! *Registration begins April 26 and ends May 8.*

Genealogy for Night Owls *Family History Lock-In*

R Friday, May 16 • 5:00 p.m.-Midnight
KHCPL Main • Adults

What do relatives, research, and relaxing have in common? Genealogy for Night Owls! Join us for a full evening of fun, food, and finding family. Be in the library before we close at 5:30 p.m. Stay until midnight if you can. No experience necessary. We will have a buffet supper, snacks and small goodies for everyone. The computers will be accessible until midnight to search the databases.

Reservations required and must be done in the Genealogy & Local History Department at KHCPL Main. Reserve your spot and pay the \$20 fee by May 12.

Sew Much

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
with a project.



adults + teens

Yoga Does a Body Good

6:00-7:00 p.m. • Jeff Stout Community Center,
650 N. West Street in Russiaville • Teens & Adults
Spring is just around the corner, and chair yoga is a great
way to help us get ready for more movement. Join us for
this highly accessible yoga class. Any needed props will be
provided.

- ★ **Energizing Chair Yoga** - Tuesday, March 4
- ★ **April Showers Gentle Yoga** - Tuesday, April 1
- ★ **May Flowers Yoga** - Tuesday, May 6

Yarn. A Fiber Arts Group

Fridays, March 7, April 4, May 2 • Noon-1:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Large Group Study • Teens & Adults
Yarn. is an open group where you can bring your work-in-
progress and sit with other people to chat, gain tips, and
have a great time. *This program is unstructured and
does not provide instructors.*


fun with cricut

Come work on a project! The library's Cricut will be
available to add extra creativity to your project.
KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Teens & Adults

- ★ **Scrapbook Night**
Monday, March 10 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Hang out with friends and work on
whatever project you want to bring along.
- ★ **Create a Mother's Day Card**
Monday, April 14 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- ★ **Paint a Terracotta Pot**
Monday, May 12 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Question, Persuade, Refer

QPR Training

 Thursday, March 13
10:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main,
Meeting Rooms A & B
Teens & Adults

QPR helps to educate on identifying
signs, symptoms, and clues that may
indicate suicidality in a loved one. Our
session can give guidance on how to
best ask tough questions, inspire hope,
and find local resources to connect the
individual with.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Let's Learn About Strawberries

Tuesday, March 18 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room
Teens & Adults

Did you know a strawberry patch can last
for 3 years? Join us as we learn
from Master Gardener Buddy
Knepley all we need to
know to grow a great
crop of berries.

More
garden
growing
goodness
on the next
page!

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Board Game Fun

Mondays, March 17, April 21, May 19
5:30-8:00 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville,
Meeting Room • Teens & Adults

Snacks and board games! Drop in for a fun evening playing games like WarMachine, Dice Throne, Marvel United, Marvel Champions, and Riot Quest. Bring a friend!

Rock Painting with Erin

R Wednesday, April 9
6:00-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Meeting Rooms A & B
Teens & Adults

Join Erin, a local artist and rock painter, as she shows spring-themed rocks to provide you with ideas, as well as demonstrate painting and finishing techniques. All supplies will be provided. *Teens attending this program must be accompanied by an adult.*

How Does Your Garden Grow?

KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room
Teens & Adults

★ Invasive Plants

Tuesday, April 15 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Learn about invasive species and what you can do to stop their spread. This program is taught by Mathias Ingle from Purdue Extension.

★ Let's Learn About Insects

Tuesday, May 13 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Purdue Extension's insect identification program is designed to teach enthusiasts how to identify insects by observing their unique features, behaviors, and habitats.



Anime & Manga Club **R**

6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room • 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, March 27 - Read *Delicious in Dungeon Vol. 1* and join us for a discussion and craft.
- ◆ Thursday, April 24 - Join us for a tea tasting and craft while we discuss *Matcha Made in Heaven Vol. 1*.
- ◆ Thursday, May 29 - Read *Mr. Villain's Day Off Vol. 1* and learn about our adopted panda named Qi Zai.

Finding Your Voice Through the Epistolary Poem

R Saturday, April 19 • 1:00-2:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
Teens & Adults

In this Indiana Humanities-funded workshop, Indiana Poet Laureate Curtis Crisler will help participants find their voice through epistolary (letter/prose) poetry. They will be prompted to learn the technique by writing to another person (living, dead, or made up). Attendees will leave with an understanding of what an epistolary poem is and how to write in the genre, and participants will have a working draft that emphasizes their voice. *The Indiana Authors are proudly powered by Indiana Humanities and made possible through the generosity of Glick Philanthropies.*



May the 4th Be With You

Sunday, May 4 • 3:00-5:00 p.m.
KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
Teens & Adults

Celebrate galaxies far, far away with us! Join fellow fans for an event filled with crafts and movie trivia. Whether you're a Jedi, Sith, or somewhere in between, feel free to dress in Star Wars attire!

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Library CON

Saturday, May 17
All KHCPL Locations
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Teens & Adults

The library con will use storytelling, gaming, and creating to engage new users while highlighting library services, programs, and collections.

Story & Strategy

Join us at all three library locations for epic battles, role playing, storytelling and more. Each location will have different activities throughout the day that you won't want to miss.


● KHCPL Main

- ◆ Board Games
- ◆ Miniature Painting
- ◆ Elevate your cosplay with the Digital Den

● KHCPL South

- ◆ Vendor hall
- ◆ Cosplay contest - Judging at 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Werewolf social manipulation game

● KHCPL Russiaville

- ◆ Video Games
- ◆ LARP (Live Action Role-Playing) demonstrations
- ◆ Dungeons & Dragons  5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room
- ◆ Outdoor Movie Night 9:00-10:30 p.m.



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Iditarod Watch Party

Sunday, March 2 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Any Age

Are you curious about Alaska and the Iditarod? In this program we'll learn about state facts and its culture. We'll talk about the Iditarod and the history of the great serum run of 1925 and watch the start of the Iditarod live.

all ages

International Women's Day

Friday, March 7 • 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

All Locations • Any Age

Drop-in for passive activities to celebrate International Women's Day. This year, we aim to #AccelerateAction by increasing awareness of women's equality, celebrating women's achievements, and fundraising for women-focused charities.

Crunch Time

Cereal Taste-Off

Friday, March 7 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.

KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room

Any Age

Which cereal deserves a spot on breakfast tables across the nation? Celebrate National Cereal Day by sampling a variety of cereals to decide which flavor reigns supreme!

Drums Alive!

R Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 • 6:30-7:15 p.m.

KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room

Any Age

Experience the exhilarating beat of fitness with Drums Alive! This dynamic exercise program harnesses the power of cardio drumming to get your heart pounding, your body moving, and your spirits soaring. Comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended for the best experience.



dance across russiaville

★ Learn How to Dance!

Tuesday, April 8 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

KHCPL Russiaville, Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

Did you feel like you had two left feet when you Danced Across Russiaville in 2024? Do you want to celebrate National Libraries Week in 2025 and not trip over your big toe? At this program, we will learn the routine so you can celebrate with us on April 12 as we show our appreciation for libraries.

★ Celebrate National Libraries Week!

Saturday, April 12 • 8:30-9:30 a.m.

KHCPL Russiaville • Any Age

Gather at KHCPL Russiaville and we'll dance together and celebrate our libraries! A giveaway and popcorn will be available and Wrangler the horse will be celebrating with us too!



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

Friends of the Library Book Sale

KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Any Age

Find everything from novels to nonfiction, DVDs, Blu-rays, CDs and more at unbelievably low prices.

• Members only shopping - Friday, April 25

Noon-5:00 p.m.

Memberships can be purchased at the sale for \$5 for an individual, \$10 for a family, or \$100 for a lifetime.

• Open to the public - Saturday, April 26

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



celebrate Arbor day

Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

Friday, April 25

6:00-7:00 p.m.

KHCPL Russiaville,
Nature Explore Outdoor
Classroom • Any Age

Stop by and pick up a free tree, while supplies last, in celebration of Arbor Day!

Seed & Plant Swap

Saturday, April 26

10:00 a.m.-Noon

KHCPL Russiaville,
Nature Explore Outdoor
Classroom • Any Age

Join us for our swap!
Houseplants, outdoor
plants, and seeds
welcome!

Learn to Compost From Nature's Little Recyclers!

Saturday, April 26 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon

KHCPL Russiaville • Any Age

Composting reduces waste, strengthens the soil, and promotes healthy plant growth. And it's fun when you do it with worms! Learn about composting and vermicomposting in this class that gets the whole family involved. Make a mini composter and learn how to create a larger one for your whole household.

First Friday: Art Task

Friday, May 2 • 5:30-8:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Any Age

Join us in the gallery for an artist reception celebrating the Library Card Design Contest winners. We will have crafts, games, and more!



Children's category winner



Love to Read
by Henley M.



Teen's category winner



Dream Space
by Chloe W.



Adult's category winner



Opportunities
by Morgan C.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 3 • Noon-3:30 p.m.

KHCPL South,

Cardinal & Peony Room

Tulip Tree Room • Any Age

We will be hosting games, trivia, raffles, freebies, and more as we celebrate different comic and manga series. Meet others and discover both old and new series, as well as potentially bring some comics home!

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teens' choice book club

Tuesdays, March 4, April 8, May 6
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. Each month will have a theme. Teens will talk about what they liked about their book, what they didn't, and how it fits the theme.

Equinox - **March** | Celestial - **April** | Void - **May**



teen art group

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

Would you like the chance to sketch, color, and paint regularly with your friends? Join the Teen Art Group!

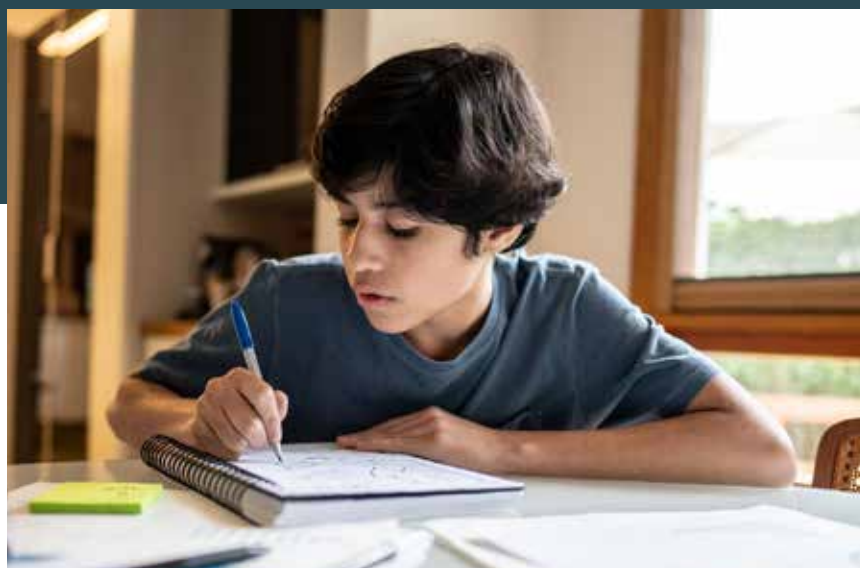
Teens will have the chance to gather with their peers, use a medium of their choice, and make art. Use any of the materials provided or bring your own. Materials regularly provided include sketch paper, canvas paper, paints, and pencils.



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!



teens

Paint-Over

Saturday, March 15 • 2:30-5:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Large Group Study
Teens

Teens can choose their favorite cardstock photo, then they'll get a chance to change it! Add whatever you like to the photo to make it your own. Teens only, while supplies last.

Whodunnit?

Play a Live Game of Clue

R Saturday, April 26
1:00-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL South,
Cardinal & Peony Room • Teens

Mr. Cy Fye Genre was hosting a party at his favorite place, the library. But right in the middle of the festivities, he was found dead! Teens must don the identity of a partygoer to learn who committed the heinous act in this live game of Clue. Teens only.

Spring Luminaries

Saturday, May 10 • 3:00-5:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Large Group Study
Teens

Get in the seasonal vibe with some spring luminaries. Teens will use materials provided to create their own Spring-themed light, while supplies last. Teens only.



children

New Baby Bunch

Every Monday • 9:30-11:00 a.m.

KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room

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! Come for friendship, support, and to share your parenting journey with other caregivers. For caregivers with a baby 0-12 months old. Older siblings are welcome to join!

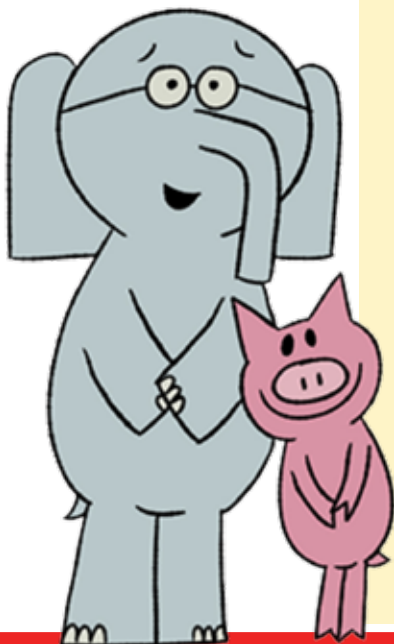
Elephant & Piggie Party!

Saturday, March 1 • Noon-1:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 0-13

Celebrate Elephant and Piggie, the lovable characters from Mo Willems' bestselling book series on National Pig Day.

Children will enjoy heartwarming, hilarious stories of Gerald, the cautious elephant, and Piggie, his exuberant friend, through hands-on activities and games.



read Across America

✦ Celebrate Birthdays!

Monday, March 3 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Ages 2-5

We'll celebrate birthdays with stories, songs, a craft, and cake.

✦ Story Seekers

Monday, March 3 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

KHCPL South, Tulip Tree Room • Ages 8-13

Bring your curiosity and love for books as we celebrate National Read Across America Day with a scavenger hunt, book tasting, and crafting!

✦ Healthy Reader Fair

Wednesday, March 12 • 5:00-6:30 p.m.

KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B • Any Age

Join us in celebrating Read Across America Month with a Healthy Reader Fair! Come learn about how to be a healthy reader with the help of community resources. Featuring demonstrations from Salon 911 and Your Other Left Foot Line Dance Group.

read Across America Week March 2-6, 2025

Reading With Therapy Pets!

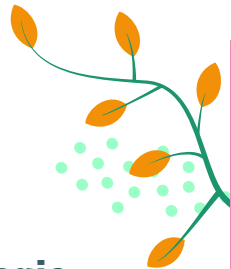
Kids can practice their reading skills by reading to trained therapy animals.

Paws to Read • Any Age

- KHCPL Russiaville - Saturdays, March 1, April 5, May 3 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon • Meeting Room
- KHCPL Main - Saturdays, March 15, April 19, May 17 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon
- KHCPL South - Wednesdays, March 19, April 16, May 21 • 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Love on a Leash • Any Age

- KHCPL Main - Saturdays, March 1, April 5, May 3 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon



Spring Fling

Spend Spring Break playing, making, and building at the library!

Mardi Gras Magic

Tuesday, March 4 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main, Discovery Center

Ages 8-13

Join us on this joyful journey through the sights, sounds, and flavors of Mardi Gras! This event will be a festive afternoon of creativity and fun as we make candy necklaces, decorate dazzling masks, and dive into engaging storytelling that captures the vibrant traditions of this colorful celebration.



Discovery Center

KHCPL Main • 4:00-6:00 p.m. • Ages 8-13

Have fun and meet new friends playing with our low-tech and high-tech games and activities.

- **3D Pens** - Thursdays, March 6 and April 3
- **Legos** - Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 and Wednesday, April 30
- **Video Games** - Thursdays, March 13 and April 10
- **Osmos** - Tuesdays, March 18 and April 15
- **Hex Bugs** - Wednesdays, March 19 and April 16
- **Art** - Tuesdays, April 1, 22
- **Robots** - Wednesday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 29



Big Games

Monday, March 24 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

KHCPL Russiaville, Nature Explore

Outdoor Classroom • Any Age

Let's play all kinds of big games out in KHCPL Russiaville's Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll just play our games inside.

Play Dough Play

Tuesday, March 25 • Noon-1:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 3-11

There are so many ways to play and learn with dough!



Journey Through Space

Wednesday, March 26 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.

KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3-12

Blast off into an intergalactic adventure! Experience the wonders of the universe with a VR game and creative crafts in this hands-on, family friendly event.

Crafts

Wednesday, March 26

Noon-1:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main,

Discovery Center • Ages 3-11

Join us for a day of making.



Minecraft Party

Thursday, March 27 • Noon-1:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 3-11

Join us for a block-tastic party to celebrate the new Minecraft movie! Enjoy Minecraft-inspired activities, crafts, and gaming adventures. Test your skills, unleash your creativity, and dive into the excitement of this epic celebration. Whether you're a fan of the game, the movie, or both, there's something for everyone.



Girls Who Code Book Club

KHCPL Main, Discovery Center

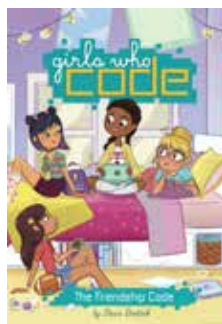
Ages 8-13

♦ Wednesday, March 5 • 5:00-6:30 p.m.

♦ Wednesday, April 9 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy working on computers or want to learn more? Are you looking for like-minded peers to create with?

Join the Girls Who Code Book Club! Kids in 3rd through 5th grades will read *The Friendship Code* by Stacia Deutsch and complete fun coding activities. For more information, call 765-626-0830.



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Amazing World of virtual reality



6:00-7:00 p.m.

KHCPL Russiaville,
Meeting Room • Ages 6-13

★ Ocean Wonders

Thursday, March 6 - This family friendly event promises waves of fun for all ages. Enjoy interactive ocean-themed games, crafts, and a VR experience.

★ Cool Gaming Gadgets

Thursdays, April 3 and May 1

Come play with cool STEM gadgets!

Homeschool corner

Homeschool Hangout

Wednesdays, March 5,
April 9, May 7
12:30-1:30 p.m.

KHCPL Main, Meeting
Room B • Ages 3-13

All homeschoolers are welcome to visit and socialize as well as engage in fun STEM games and activities. This program offers a relaxed, friendly environment where homeschoolers of all ages can come together to connect, learn, and have fun.

Homeschool Hub

★ STEM Recycled Creations

Friday, March 21
11:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main,
Discovery Center • Ages 6-13

Using recycled materials, you'll get creative and craft new and unique projects while learning about the importance of recycling and sustainability.

★ Marble Run

Friday, April 18
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Meeting Room B
Ages 8-13

Let's roll into STEM learning together! Using simple materials, participants will create their own marble run while exploring physics concepts like gravity, momentum, and energy. Bring your imagination and curiosity!

Homeschool Book Club

Mondays, March 24, April 28,
May 19 • 10:00 -11:00 a.m.

KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms
A & B • Ages 6-11

1st through 6th graders, join us to discuss books! Various genres from fiction to graphic novels are introduced to develop diverse readers. Call 765.626.0830 for the current book list.



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story times



Peek-a-boo Playdate

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6
10:00-10:30 a.m. • KHCPL Main, Discovery Center
Ages 0-2

Our baby story time is interactive and includes early literacy fun with books, songs, fingerplays, and body movement. We will also introduce basic American Sign Language signs to encourage nonverbal communication for your little ones.

Little Learners

- **KHCPL South** - Wednesdays, March 5, 12, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 21, 28
10:00-10:45 a.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3-5
- **KHCPL Main** - Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, April 10, 17, 24, May 1
11:00-11:45 a.m. • Children's Department • Ages 3-5

Little Learners is not just a fun-filled adventure; it's also a valuable opportunity for your child to develop literacy, social, and creative skills. We encourage parents and guardians to participate with their little ones during the event.



Tiny Tykes

Fridays, March 7, 14, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16
10:00-10:45 a.m. • KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 0-2

Journey into the world of early literacy, designed for children ages 0 to 2 and caregivers. Our engaging, interactive event nurtures a love for reading, language development, and sensory exploration.

Monday Fun Day!

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 12, 19 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Ages 2-5

Each week, we embark on a journey through the pages of delightful picture books. Through interactive reading, songs, and creative activities, children will ignite their imagination and love for books in a fun and engaging environment.



Mario Story Time

National Mario Day

Monday, March 10 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Ages 2-5

Kids will listen to a story about Mario the race car driver and enjoy fun, hands-on activities! National Mario Day on "Mar 10" recognizes an iconic character from a popular video game. The character, known today as Mario, first appeared in 1981 in a game called Donkey Kong made by Nintendo.

story Art

Connecting Literature and Art

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20
10:00-10:45 a.m. • KHCPL Russiaville,
Meeting Room • Ages 2-5

Using picture books as inspiration,
we'll create art using a variety of
mediums. Designed for children
ages 2 and up.

Music & Movement

featuring Kindermusik

For children ages 18 months to 3 years

- KHCPL South - Saturdays, March 8, April 5,
May 3, 31 • 10:00-10:30 a.m. • Tulip Tree Room
- KHCPL South - Tuesdays, March 11, 18, 25,
April 8, 15, 22, May 6 • 3:30-4:00 p.m.
Tulip Tree Room
- KHCPL Russiaville- Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24,
May 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Meeting Room

Music & Movement is a delightful and enriching
musical adventure! We create an engaging
environment where music, movement and play
come together.

Minecraft Pixel Perfect Party

Thursday, April 3 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

KHCPL South, Cardinal & Peony Room

Ages 6-13

Step into the blocky world of Minecraft! Enjoy
hands-on crafts, activities, and engaging games
inspired by everyone's favorite pixelated universe.

Wrangler and Friends Any Age

- KHCPL Main - Saturday, March 8
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. • Meeting Rooms A & B
- KHCPL South - Saturday, May 10
10:00-11:00 a.m.



Cardinal & Peony Room

Join us as Wrangler visits
for story time, and hear a
story about "a little horse
who did a very big thing!"

Kindness and Friendship

Preschool S.T.E.A.M.

Tuesdays, March 11 and April 15 • 2:30-3:15 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 3-5

Join us for an afternoon of Science, Technology,
Engineering, Art, and Math activities safe for young,
budding scientists and artists. Dress for a mess.

- ♦ March 11 - Elephant toothpaste
- ♦ April 15 - Seed bombs

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Monday, March 17 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Ages 3+

Children will learn about missing shamrocks, silly
goats, and tricky leprechauns in this fun holiday
story time. Be sure to wear something green!

Kitchen Chemistry

Thursday, March 20 and Wednesday, April 23
5:00-6:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main,
Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 6-11

1st-6th graders, ignite your curiosity with science
experiments using items found in your kitchen.
Dress for a mess.

Star Wars Story Time

Revenge of the Fifth

Monday, May 5 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

KHCPL Russiaville, Meeting Room • Ages 2+

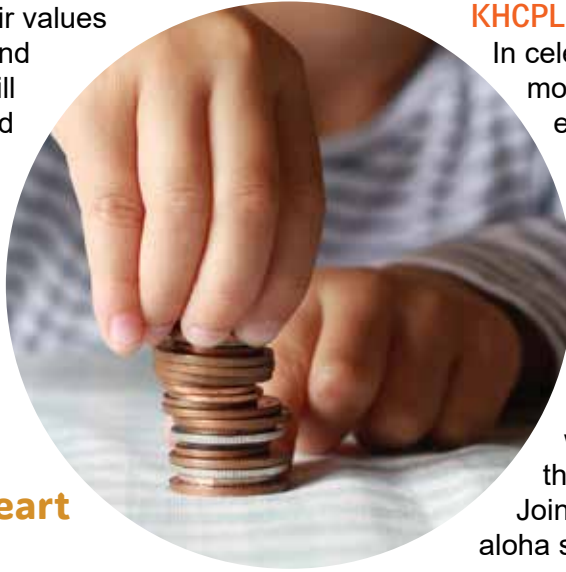
Join other young Padawans for a special Star
Wars-themed story time! We'll explore a variety
of learning stations, create a "Star Wars" book
and lightsaber, and enjoy a special snack.

Coin Quest

Coin counting, crafting, and competition!

Friday, April 4 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 6-13

Kids will build a solid understanding of U.S. coins and their values through challenges and crafts. Participants will engage in coin related activities like coin rubbings, coin toss, decorating your own piggy bank, and coin stacking.



Playful Poetry

Haikus with Heart

Thursday, April 17
4:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 6-13

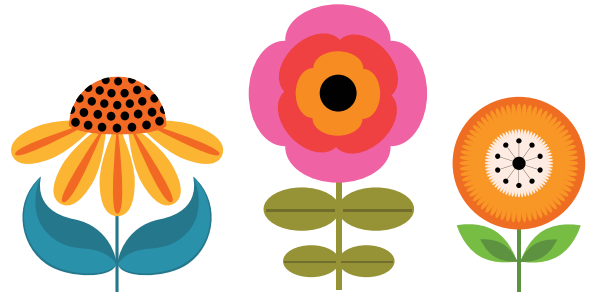
This program offers a meaningful opportunity for children to engage with poetry and express their thoughts through the power of observation and imagination. Haiku is a simple and expressive style perfect for those who love to observe the world around them and create.

Aloha Adventures

Thursday, April 24 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main, Discovery Center • Ages 8-13

In celebration of the upcoming Lilo & Stitch movie, join us for crafts, games, and other engaging activities. Celebrate the vibrant cultures of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Participants will explore the characters' Hawaiian roots and the themes of family, friendship, and resilience through a series of fun crafts, games, and STEM-related activities. Kids will learn about the diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands while engaging in educational activities that promote creativity and problem-solving. Join us for a day of learning, creativity, and aloha spirit!



the chicken or the egg

✦ Chicken Watch Camera

Wednesday, April 23 - Friday, May 16
Virtual • Any Age

Watch as we hatch chickens from eggs! We'll have a chicken cam set up in the Children's Department at KHCPL Main that will allow you to view the feed live. Scan the QR code to access the video feed.



✦ Egg Candling

Friday, May 2 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main, Meeting Rooms A & B
Ages 3-13

Purdue Extension Howard County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator Mathias Ingle will demonstrate egg candling: using a bright light source behind the egg to show details through the shell.



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 bookmobile stops

Bloom at Kokomo Adv • 1:15-2:00 p.m.
Thursdays • March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29

Brentwood Green Disc • 1:45-2:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27

Chippendale Disc • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Mondays • March 3, 17, 31, April 14, 28, May 12

Christy Lane Disc • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays • March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30, May 14, 28

Fox Acres Apartments Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays • March 12, 26, April 9, 23, May 7, 21

Friendship Haven Disc • 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27

Greenacres & Crestview Adv • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays • March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30, May 14, 28

Jefferson Manor Adv • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Mondays • March 3, 17, 31, April 14, 28, May 12

Kingston Square Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Thursdays • March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29

Madison & Berkley Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27

Meadowbrook & Cranbrook Disc
4:00-4:30 p.m. • Mondays • March 10, 24,
April 7, 21, May 5, 19

Oliene & McKibben Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Thursdays • March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8, 22

Primrose Community Adv • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Thursdays • March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29

Silver Birch Adv • 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Thursdays • March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8, 22

Spice Run Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 11, 25, April 8, 22, May 6, 20

Sugar Mill Farms Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Mondays • March 10, 24, April 7, 21, May 5, 19

Terrace Towers Disc • 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Mondays • March 10, 24, April 7, 21, May 5, 19

Turtle Creek Apts. Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 11, 25, April 8, 22, May 6, 20

Villas at Waterford Disc • 1:00-1:30 p.m.
Thursdays • March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29

Vinton Woods Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays • March 12, 26, April 9, 23, May 7, 21

Windwood & Jeff Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27

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765.453.4150★ **KHCPL Russiaville**315 Mesa Dr. Russiaville, IN 46979
765.883.5112★ **KHCPL Outreach**305 E. Mulberry St. Kokomo, IN 46901
765.626.0856www.KHCPL.org**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:

◆ Sunday, April 20 - Easter

◆ Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

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Don't be scared;
be prepared!
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continuing until April 15, 2025 • KHCPL MainLocal AARP TaxAide volunteers, certified by the IRS, will be providing free income tax preparation assistance to low- and middle-income taxpayers with special attention to those age 50 and older. Volunteers will answer basic tax questions and assist in preparing and filing basic federal and state returns. **Services are by appointment only. Taxpayers can call 765.626.0841 to schedule an appointment.**