



**HAMILTON EAST**  
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# DISCOVER

February - April 2024

Winter Reading Program | Solar Eclipse | Seed Library Re-Opening | Crossroads Discovery Center





# What's Inside?

Learn about what's happening at HEPL this quarter.

## A Message from Our Interim Directors

As we welcome a new year, we are excited to offer new services and programs for our community! In early 2024, we will have the grand opening for our new Crossroads Discovery Center at the Noblesville Library. In addition to housing our extensive local history collection, this space will offer interactive exhibits and technology for patron use. As we move into spring, the Seed Library returns! Gardeners and aspiring-gardeners, mark your calendars for March 4th. We will also be offering a wide variety of special programs leading up to the April 8th solar eclipse. Need eclipse glasses? Make sure you participate in our popular Winter Reading Program! Participants are eligible to receive a free pair of eclipse glasses, in addition to other prizes.

Did you notice different names on this page? We are sad to say good-bye to our previous director, Edra Waterman. She brought a lot of wonderful changes to this library system! We wish her well in the next chapter of her career. As longtime residents of Fishers and Noblesville, please know that we are committed to providing excellent library service to our community during this transition period. We are so thankful to our wonderful patrons for your support of this library system.

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Chief Impact Officer

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Chief Operations Officer

Please refer to our online calendar of events for the most up-to-date information:  
[hepl.libnet.info/events](https://hepl.libnet.info/events)



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# Highlights



## Winter Reading Program

This February, go on a reading adventure to prepare for the solar eclipse and earn a FREE pair of eclipse glasses! Earn badges and fill your bingo card for a chance to win e-gift cards to a variety of retailers. Download the Beanstack app and learn how to join the challenge today on [page 4!](#)



## Total Solar Eclipse 2024

Hamilton County, Indiana will experience one of the greatest natural phenomena that can occur in our skies - a total solar eclipse - on Monday, April 8, 2024. Our county will be in the path of totality, which means we will see the sun 100% eclipsed by the moon! Learn more and find ways for all ages to get involved at library programs leading up to the big day on [page 5!](#)



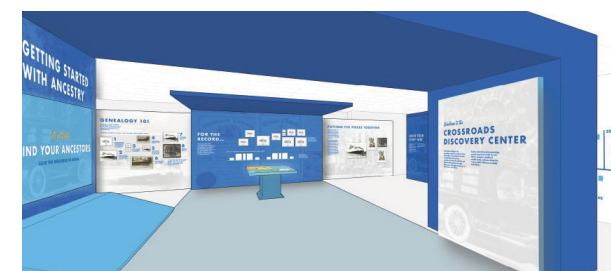
## Seed Library Re-Opening

The 2024 HEPL Seed Library will open on March 4, 2024. HEPL lent out more than 68,000 seed packets in 2023 - our highest number ever! We also enjoyed working with the schools, sharing seeds with you at events, and working with community groups and HOAs to beautify Fishers and Noblesville. Get ready for a new season of planting on [page 7!](#)



## Introducing the Crossroads Discovery Center

Opening early 2024, the Crossroads Discovery Center expands the library's dedication to genealogy and local history services for our patrons. The Indiana Room collection returns in its entirety to this revamped space. Patrons will be able to browse our extensive reference and circulating collection focused on Hamilton County and Indiana history. Explore our microfilm, maps, county histories, online databases and more! Find out what's new on the second floor of the Noblesville Library, including technology, exhibits, and interactive elements, on [page 18!](#)



# SHADOWED PAGES: ECLIPSE BINGO ADVENTURE

Reading Challenge



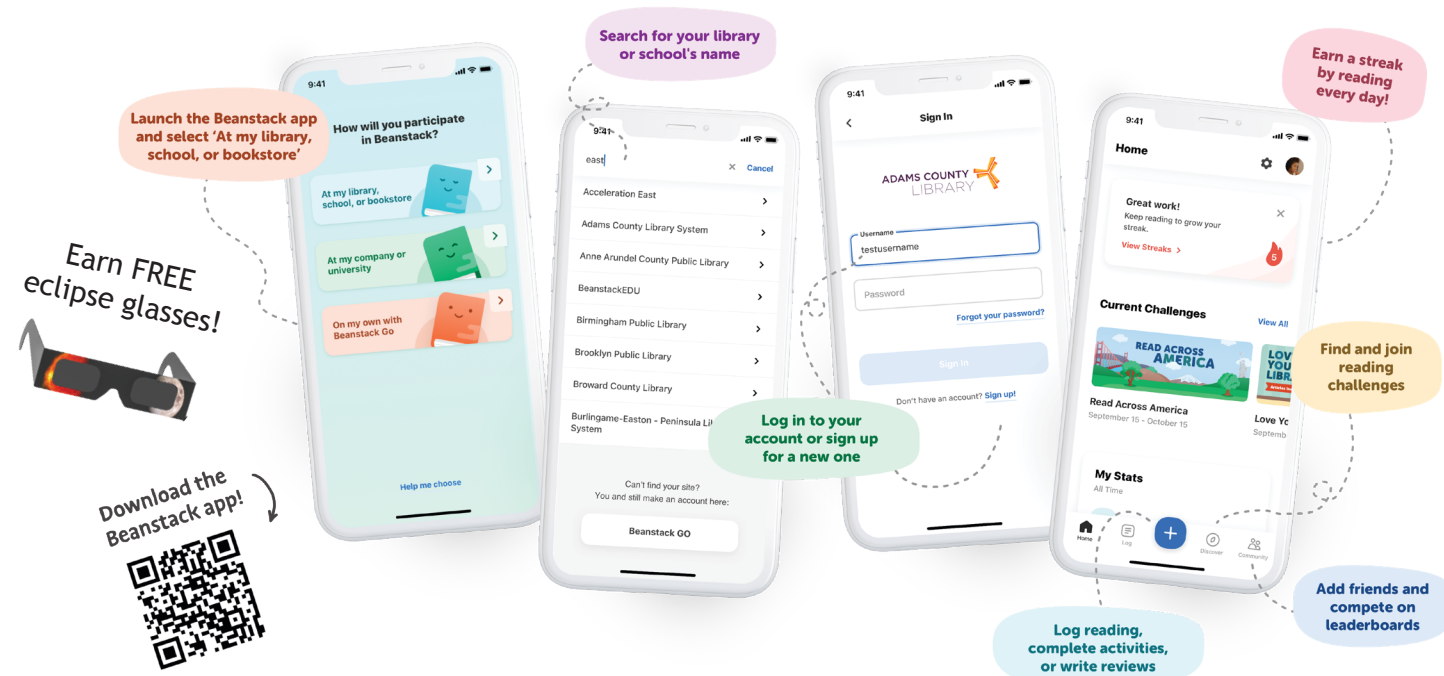
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E-tickets can be earned with every badge you complete. Earn one pair of eclipse viewing glasses when you get your first Bingo! Cover your card to earn additional E-tickets.

E-tickets are your chance to win eGift cards to a variety of retailers. Glasses are limited to one pair per person and can be picked up at any public service desk at either HEPL location. Prize drawings will be held on March 4, 2024, and winners will be contacted via email or phone. Two winners will be chosen randomly per gift card option. Get more details on the HEPL blog!



# TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024

HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

A total solar eclipse is coming to Hamilton County! The Library will be closed on April 8, 2024, the day of the eclipse, but you can join us at these exciting programs leading up to the big day. Find eclipse viewing locations and more eclipse events at [visithamiltoncounty.com/eclipse/](https://visithamiltoncounty.com/eclipse/).

### Celestial Party | Families

Mon. 3/11 | 3-4:30pm | FIS

Thurs. 3/21 | 3-4:30pm | NOB

Come learn about the sun and why the solar eclipse is such a big deal with fun, engaging activities!

### Build Your Own Eclipse Viewer | Ages 9-11\*

Thurs. 3/7 | 3-4pm | NOB

Viewing a solar eclipse is fun and exciting! But how do we view solar eclipses safely when looking directly at the sun can cause permanent damage to our eyes? One of the safest ways to view an eclipse is by projecting an image of the sun through a pinhole projector. Come build your own!

### Crafty Teens\*

Mon. 4/1 | 5:30-7pm | NOB

Wed. 4/10 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

Get your craft on! Teens will make new and exciting creations each month and meet new friends in the process. April's craft is Button Moons.



### Get the Hubble Back! Teen Breakout Room\*

Fri. 4/5 | 2pm & 3:30pm | FIS

The Hubble has been hacked! NASA lost control of the famed space telescope through some insidious computer piracy. The perpetrator has hidden the means to regain control through a set of codes and clues. Can you help NASA utilize Hubble again to explore the galaxies?

Please register for only one session.

\*Please note: Registration required.

### Sun Moon Earth: A Virtual Author Talk with Tyler Nordgren | Adults\*

Sat. 3/23 | 11am-12pm | Virtual

On April 8, 2024, millions of Americans will experience an awe-inspiring phenomenon: a total eclipse of the sun. Hamilton County will be in the path of totality. Join Tyler Nordgren, author of *Sun Moon Earth: The History of Solar Eclipses from Omens of Doom to Einstein and Exoplanets*, for a virtual author visit and talk. In *Sun Moon Earth*, astronomer

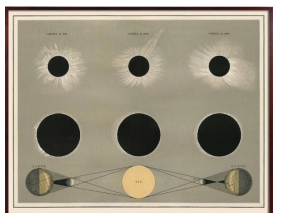
Tyler Nordgren illustrates how this most seemingly unnatural of natural phenomena was transformed from a fearsome omen to a tourist attraction. Ten attendees will be randomly selected to win a signed copy of *Sun Moon Earth*!

### Art Lab: Eclipse Prints | All Ages

Wed. 4/3 | 11-1pm | IGN

Sat. 4/6 | 2-4pm | IGN

Stop by Ignite Studio to make your own print representing the solar eclipse. Using sustainable stamps made from cork and wood, print the stages of the eclipse with water soluble ink.



VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS FOR MORE DETAILS  
OR TO REGISTER:





# Community Spotlight



Register now for the Geist Half Marathon, 10K & 5K on Saturday, September 14! The race showcases the beauty of Geist Reservoir with stunning water views, tree-covered trails, and waterfront bridges. Register to run, walk, or volunteer at GeistHalf.com.



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Expanded 2024 Fishers Neighborhood Vibrancy & Matching Grants are now open! Apply for funding for creative and innovative neighborhood projects. Homeowners' associations or neighborhood groups can submit applications at FishersIN.gov/Grants.



The annual March Disability Awareness Month celebration, hosted by the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, features a series of special events and initiatives throughout the city. Learn more at fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness.

Heart Hike

FEBRUARY 10  
FREE 9 - 11 AM  
RITCHIE WOODS  
NATURE PRESERVE  
PARKS



The Fishers Steward Programs ensure that Fishers parks and rain gardens are clean, welcoming, and thriving ecosystems for the community by coordinating with volunteers who provide monthly trash cleanup, trail maintenance, and invasive species removal at parks and rain gardens around Fishers. Sign up at VolunteerFishers.com



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# SEED LIBRARY

SPROUTING  
MONDAY,  
MARCH 4

The 2024 HEPL Seed Library will open on March 4, 2024. HEPL lent out more than 68,000 seed packets in 2023 - our highest number ever! We also enjoyed working with the schools, sharing seeds with you at events, and working with community groups and HOAs to beautify Fishers and Noblesville. If you'd like to partner with us, please reach out at seedlibrary@hepl.lib.in.us.

Our hope is that through the Seed Library, you will discover new plants and be fearless with your gardening journey, whether this is the first time you've planted seeds or you're a seasoned gardener. One Seed Library user said it perfectly: "I really enjoy the seed programs and the gardening classes. Thank you for offering this! I've been gardening many years, and we always look forward to looking through the new seeds to make our picks each year. The kiddos each get to make their own pick for a plant, which is so fun and a great tradition for us."

We especially loved hearing from our friend Stacie Eller, a Learning Specialist at Stony Creek Elementary School in Noblesville, who started an after-school Garden Club program with her K-5 students with seeds from the HEPL Seed Library. The students planted a "pizza garden" in used egg cartons! The pizza gardens consisted of vegetables and herbs you'd place on a pizza such as peppers, cherry tomatoes, parsley, basil, etc. We're excited to see young students learn the joy of gardening!

Watch for more information in HEPL's Bright Ideas email newsletter, visit the Seed Library webpage ([www.hepl.lib.in.us/seed-library](http://www.hepl.lib.in.us/seed-library)), check HEPL's social media, or email us for more information at seedlibrary@hepl.lib.in.us.

Learn more about  
the Seed Library!



Sign up for the Seed  
Library newsletter!



## HOW IT works



**1. LOOK UP**  
Research to see which seeds are right for you! Use the Growing Guides as a resource to help.



**2. PICK UP**  
Come pick up your pack of seeds at either library! Max 20 packs per person for the year.



**3. PLANT IT**  
The moment you've been waiting for! Refer to Seed Guides for tips and tricks along the way.



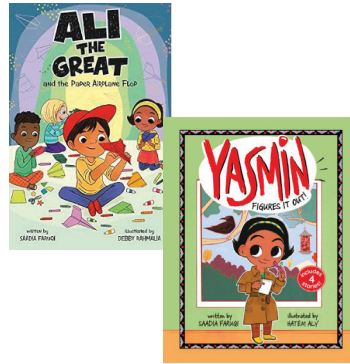
**4. SHARE IT**  
Share with friends, donate seeds back to the library, or tag us on social media! Be sure to use #heplgrowers & #heplseedlibrary



# Children

A variety of events and programs geared for children.

## Author Visits



### Author/Illustrator Visit - Bethany Barton | Families Thurs. 2/8 | 6-7pm | NOB

Join us for a pre-Valentines Day STEM Love-Fest! Award-winning author and illustrator Bethany Barton will share her hilarious books and make science communication fun with interactive readings of *I'm Trying to Love Garbage* and *I'm Trying to Love Spiders*. Discover the magic behind making STEM-focused books lovable for all ages. Bethany's charismatic storytelling sparks curiosity, making this the perfect event for your budding scientists! Get ready to fall in love with learning and prepare your heart to be caught up in a web... of toilet-paper... cuz she has a toilet paper cannon. HA! No, but seriously. It's educational! See you there!

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### Author Visit - Saadia Faruqi | Families Mon. 2/12 | 6-7pm | FIS

Hear from author Sadia Faruqi! Saadia is a Pakistani American author and interfaith activist. She writes the popular children's early reader series *Yasmin* and other books for children, including chapter books, graphic novels, and picture books. Her middle grade novels include *A Place At The Table*, co-written with Laura Shovan (a Sydney Taylor Notable 2021), *A Thousand Questions* (a South Asia Book Award Honor 2021), and *Yusuf Azeem Is Not A Hero* which is currently nominated for a Young Hoosier Book Award! Saadia is editor-in-chief of *Blue Minaret*, a magazine for Muslim art, poetry, and prose, and was featured in *Oprah Magazine* in 2017 as a woman making a difference in her community. She lives in Houston, TX with her husband and children.

*\*Please note: Registration required.*

## Book Clubs

### Virtual Early Readers Book Club | Grades K-3\*

Wed. 2/7, 3/6 & 4/3 | 6-7pm | Virtual

Feb: *Jeet and Fudge: Forever Friends* by Amandeep Kochar | March: *The First Woman Cherokee Chief: Wilma Pearl Mankiller* by Patricia Morris Buckley | April: *Gigi and Ojiji* by Melissa Iwai

Pick up your packet, explore the book & activities with family, then join us on Zoom!

### Book Dragon Box | Spring selection: *A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga | Ages 9-12\*

Box requests open March 1. Pick up your box from your chosen location starting April 1.

Pick up your HEPL Book Dragon Box and enjoy the book goodies after chapter breaks!



### Novel Hunters: A Middle Grade Book Club | Grades 3-5\*

Wed. 2/14, 3/13 & 4/10 | 6-7pm | FIS

Feb: *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin | March: *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo |

April: *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Roby Buyea

Explore a variety of chapter books and enjoy themed activities through this in-person book club!

## Featured Programs

### African American Read-In: Kids\*

Sat. 2/24 | 10-11am | NOB

Celebrate African American books and authors by listening to or reading aloud children's and middle grade books written by Black authors or simply drop in anytime to listen.

### Ready, Set, Code | Ages 6-11\*

Tues. 2/6, 3/19 & 4/23 | 6-7pm | FIS

Explore coding with our Botley and Code & Go Mouse robots. Each month will have a different challenge and will give lots of opportunity for collaboration and learning.

### Tween Drama Club | Grades 2-6\*

Thurs. 2/8, 3/14, 4/11 & 5/9 | 6-7pm | FIS

Participants will learn the basics of theatre, including drama games, stage directions, and how to communicate on stage. Join every month from February-May to participate in the Spring Showcase on May 9.

### Bongo Boy Family Drum Circle | Families\*

Sat. 2/10 | 10-10:45am & 11-11:45am | NOB & 2-2:45pm & 3-3:45pm | FIS

Jam as a Fam with this all-ages drum circle! Create rhythm and good times by drumming and grooving along to the beat. Please register ALL participants in your group.

### Sunday Stories | Ages 2+

Sun. 2/11, 3/10 & 4/7 | 2-2:45pm | NOB

Missed storytime during the week? Come back on Sunday to hear stories, sing songs, make a craft, and dance away your afternoon.

### Scien-Tots | Ages 2-4\*

Mon. 2/12, 3/4 & 4/1 | 9:30-10:15am | NOB

Little scientists will investigate STEM concepts through a story and hands-on exploration at learning stations in this lab-style program.



### Spanish Aventuras | Grades K-5\*

Tues. 2/13, 3/12 & 4/9 | 6-7pm | NOB

Interested in learning Spanish? We'll learn a new set of words each month, alongside stories, songs, and games!

### Tinker Time | Grades 1-5\*

Wed. 2/14, 3/13 & 4/10 | 3-4pm | NOB

Join us for a monthly STEAM-themed program for school-aged kids.

### Frozen Party | Ages 3-8\*

Sun. 2/18 | 2-3pm | FIS

Join Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, and Olaf in Arendelle for this exciting frozen adventure. Dress in your finest Frozen attire as we make crafts and play games.



### Homeschool Hangout | Geared towards ages 5-12

Weds. 2/28, 3/27 & 4/24 | 2-3pm | NOB

Thurs. 2/1, 3/7 & 4/4 | 2-3pm | FIS

Hang out with other homeschool families and students in a fun and unstructured environment.

### Family Movie Matinee | Families\*

Sun. 3/17 & 4/14 | 2-4pm | FIS

March: *Super Mario Bros* | April: *Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie*  
Bring a blanket or beach towels and enjoy an interactive movie with other families.

### Craftapalooza | Ages 2+

Thurs. 4/4 | 2-4pm | NOB

Drop in & see what masterpieces you can make with these craft supplies!

### Fairy-Gnome Homes | Families with grades K & up\*

Sat. 4/6 | 10-11am & 11:15am-12:15pm | NOB

Come celebrate Noblesville's Fairyville by creating your very own Fairy-Gnome homes with accessories. Bring the whole family to create your masterpieces for the garden.

### Dog Man Party | Grades K-4\*

Tues. 4/16 | 6-7pm | FIS

Are you ready for a Supa Awesome Dog Man Party? Let's celebrate this crime-biting canine who is part dog, part man, and ALL HERO!

### Tech Take Apart | Families\*

Thurs. 4/18 | 3-4pm | NOB

Have you ever wondered what the inside of a computer mouse looks like? Or how it works? Come join us to take technology apart!

### Orchestra Storytime | Ages 2-5

Fri. 4/19 | 10-11am | FIS

See the book, hear the words, feel the music as we read aloud a story and listen to live performers from Fall Creek Jr High Orchestra!

### Día: A Literacy Celebration! | Ages 4-7

Sat. 4/27 | 10am-12pm | NOB

Join us for a multicultural celebration of families and reading, with stories, songs, and crafts! Each family will also receive a free book to keep (while supplies last).

## Weekly Storytimes & Music Programs

Registration not required. These programs are on break from March 3-16.

### Babytime | Ages 0-24 months

Wednesdays | 9:30-10am &

10:30-11am | FIS

Thursdays | 9:30-10am | NOB

### Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Tuesdays & Wednesdays | 9:30-10am | NOB

### Storytime | Toddlers-Preschool

Tuesdays | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am | FIS

Wednesdays & Thursdays | 10:30-11am | NOB

### Movin and Groovin | Ages 2-5

Wednesdays | 2-2:30pm | FIS

### Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Tuesdays | 1-2pm | FIS

Thursdays | 1-2pm | NOB





# Teen

A variety of events and programs geared for teens.

## Highlights

### Teen Palentine's Day\*

Mon. 2/12 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

Wed. 2/14 | 5:30-7:30pm | FIS

Celebrate friends with this Palentine's Day program! Vote on a buddy movie to watch while making a craft and eating pizza & snacks.

### BHM Introduction to Chicago Style 8-Count Stepping\*

Sat. 2/17 | 10-11am | FIS

The Beat Indy will teach you how to dance! Learn the basics of Chicago Style 8-Count Stepping in this partnered dance class. All are welcome to come as individuals, couples, or a group. Taught by experienced instructor, Karen Lyles. For teens and adults.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
READ-IN



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Sat. 2/24 | 10-11am | NOB | Kids & Middle School

Sat. 2/24 | 2-3:30pm | FIS | High School & Adult

Celebrate African American books and authors by listening to or reading aloud books written by Black authors or simply drop in anytime to listen. All members of our community are invited to participate in the National African American Read-In.

## Spring Break Specials

### Get the Hubble Back! Teen Breakout Room\*

Fri. 4/5 | 2pm & 3:30pm | FIS

The Hubble has been hacked! NASA lost control of the famed space telescope through some insidious computer piracy. The perpetrator has hidden the means to regain control through a set of codes and clues. Can you help NASA utilize Hubble again to explore the galaxies? Please register for only one session.

### Barbie Interactive Movie\*

Sat. 4/6 | 2-4pm | NOB

Watch Barbie's adventure in the real world! Teens will use props to interact and play along with the live action Barbie movie. All props and supplies provided. Movie is rated PG-13.



### DAM Get Involved with Special Olympics Indiana\*

Tues. 3/5 | 6-6:45pm | FIS

Special Olympics is a sports organization that uses the power of sport as a catalyst for social change, working to end discrimination and empower people with intellectual disabilities to reach their fullest potential on and off the playing field. Find out what it takes to be an athlete or volunteer! Help use sports to open hearts and minds and to create inclusive communities across the state and throughout the world! For teens and adults.



### Teen Writing Challenge: Science Fiction

March 1-31

The theme for HEPL's next Teen Writing Challenge is science fiction! Robots, aliens, utopias, futuristic science, time travel, and more! Teen writers can submit an original, science fiction short story for HEPL's 6th Teen Writing Challenge. Entries are due by March 31 at 8pm. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive gift cards and the winners' stories will be shared on HEPL's website! Find out more about guidelines and requirements on the HEPL Blog. You can't win if you don't enter, so send in your entry to ratajskir@hepl.lib.in.us!

### Teen Anime Club: Draw Manga!\*

Mon. 3/25 | 5:30-7pm | NOB

Wed. 4/3 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

Join us for this special edition of Anime Club! Artist Yuri Duncan will teach teens basic drawing skills and techniques to create their own unique manga characters. All supplies provided.



## Featured Programs

### Neurodivergent Teen Hangout\*

Thurs. 2/1, 3/7 & 4/4 | 6-7pm | NOB

This program is an opportunity for neurodivergent teens to hang out, do an activity, and connect with their peers. Each month will feature a different theme and activity. Lower lighting and KulturreCity Kits (which include fidgets and noise reducing headphones) will be provided. Parents are not required to stay in the room but should stay in the library to be available if needed. This program is designed as a social club, not a form of childcare. For teens and their caregivers only. February: Game Night | March: Spring Fest | April: Game Night



### Crafty Teens\*

Wed. 2/7, 3/13 & 4/10 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

Mon. 2/5, 3/11 & 4/1 | 5:30-7pm | NOB

Get your craft on! Teens will make new and exciting creations each month and meet new friends in the process.

February: Duct Tape | March: Beaded Lizards | April: Button Moons



### Life Skills: Job Skills Series With WorkOne\*

Tues. 2/13 & 3/26 | 6-7pm | FIS

Thurs. 4/18 | 6-7pm | NOB

Join WorkOne staff as they help you develop and improve skills that are necessary to succeed in getting the job you want. For teens and adults.

February: Resume Writing | March: Interview Skills | April: Career Exploration

### Cool Careers: Graphic Designer\*

Mon. 2/19 | 6-7pm | FIS

Interested in the world of graphic design? Come hear from local designer and illustrator Ross Shafer about his path to becoming a designer, illustrator, and art director. For teens and adults.

### Scribe Circle\*

Wed. 2/28, 3/27 & 4/24 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

Want a safe space to write creatively and grow as a writer? To try new writing techniques and share your ideas with other teen writers? Then join Scribe Circle! Each month, teens will discuss a different element of creative writing, then write about the topic and share their writing with each other. (Sharing is not mandatory though!) Teens can write something new each meeting or add to a story they are currently writing. All writing experience levels are welcome!

February: Science Fiction & preparing for the Teen Writing Challenge | March: Free Write | April (for teens and adults): Poetry with Dan J. Vice from the University of Indianapolis.

### Teen Gourmet: Mac & Cheese\*

Sat. 3/9 | 12-1:30pm | NOB

Sat. 3/16 | 12-1:30pm | FIS

Make mac & cheese! Learn everything from cooking the pasta to adding ingredients to make your meal special.



## BOOK CLUBS

Individual book club sessions and reading selections are geared toward either high school or middle school audiences. See our online events calendar for full details and to find upcoming book selections! Registration required.

### Teen Lit Café\*

Thurs. 2/22 & 4/18 | 6-7pm | High School

Rebellion Doughnuts, Noblesville

Thurs. 3/21 | 6-7pm | Middle School

Ohanalulu, Fishers

Meet up for a treat and book discussion among friends!



\*Please note: Registration required.

### Rainbow Reads\*

Mon. 2/26 & 4/22 | 6-7pm | Middle School

Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café, Noblesville

Mon. 3/18 | 6-7pm | High School

Panera Bread, Noblesville

Enjoy a treat at this LGBTQIA+ focused book club for teens!

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# Adult

A variety of events and programs geared for adults.

## LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

APRIL 20, 2024 | 1-4PM

FORUM EVENTS CENTER, 11313 USA PKWY, FISHERS



Join nearly 60 local adult, YA, and children's authors and literary organizations at this open house-style event at the FORUM Events Center. Authors will be available for book sales and signings. All ages welcome! There will be chances to win book bundles and other prizes! NEW this year during the Fair: storytimes and readings featuring local authors! Entry is FREE and registration is not required.

## Writing Workshops

Join us at the Fishers Library on the morning of the Local Author Fair to hone your writing skills! Paper and pencils will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own journals or devices to write in. Registration is required. Please register for only one workshop as they all run concurrently.

### Writing is Rewriting: Fixing a First Draft\*

Sat. 4/20 | 10-11:30am | FIS

You know you'll have to revise your early drafts, but how do you do it? Is there a system to make it easier? Join writing coach Myra Levine in this editing workshop. We'll discuss the issue of revision on both a "Big Picture" and "Little Picture" level. The goal is to show you how to REALLY REVISE, which means not fiddling around with sentences here or there and looking for typos, but looking at bigger issues that turn a so-so book into a real page-turner.

### Turning the Tangible into the Intangible with John Hinton\*

Sat. 4/20 | 10-11:30am | FIS

As writers, we tend to focus on taking intangibles/abstracts and attempting to translate them into concepts that are sensible/explainable. This workshop turns that ideology upside down. Instead of writing concretely and civilizing our poetry, we will work on returning to the feral nature of this human experience. Calling on whimsy and wild to delve deeper into our poetic voice. Presented by John R. Hinton, the president of the Poetry Society of Indiana.

### Character Creation\*

Sat. 4/20 | 10-11:30am | FIS

One of the most important parts of creative writing is being about to write vivid and dimensional characters. Learn about different types of characters, character creation, and ways to flesh out your characters in your story before practicing with writing prompts. This session is intended for teens but is open to all ages.

More details here!



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## Featured Programs

### Virtual Tai Chi with Kayle\*

Thur. 2/8, 2/22, 3/7, 3/21, 4/11, 4/25 | 9:30-10:30am | Virtual  
Perfect for beginners and experts alike, this online Tai Chi class led by Kayle Gaviola will help you connect to your mind and body through "meditation in motion."

### Galentine's Self-Care & Yarn Hearts

Tues. 2/13 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB & Virtual

Dr. Leah Leach from the Gal's Guide Library will help remind us of how loved and loving we are while showing you how to make a conscious yarn heart. Wrap yarn around a heart and with each thread take a moment to reflect on compliments, appreciation, good deeds, and happy memories.

### Community Blood Drive

Tues. 2/20 | 3-7pm | FIS

Tues. 4/23 | 2:30-7pm | NOB

Be a beacon of hope and donate blood! Each donor will receive a piece of HEPL swag and a free book. Appointments are highly recommended.

### Tea Talk: History and How to Make a Great Cuppa\*

Tues. 2/20 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Learn the history of tea and enjoy a sampling of three different types! Learn about the history of tea, the five main types, and best brewing methods. Presented by Leslie Lorange.

### BHM African American Read-In: High School and Adult\*

Sat. 2/24 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Celebrate Black History Month and African American books and authors by listening to or reading aloud books written by Black authors. All members of our community are invited to participate in the National African American Read-In.



### Women's History Trivia Night\*

Fri. 3/8 | 6-8pm | FIS

Celebrate Women's History Month at our after-hours Trivia Night with snacks and prizes! Gal's Guide Library founder Dr. Leah Leach will host three rounds of women's history trivia with Kahoot! For teens and adults.

### Community Board Game Day with Who's Yer Gamers

Sun. 3/10 | 1-5pm | FIS

Bring your family or friends, choose a board or card game from our library or the Who's Yer Gamers library, or bring your own! All ages welcome with chances to win prizes! Drop-in for a while or game the whole time!



### Dyslexia 101

Wed. 3/13 | 5:30-7:30pm | FIS

Dyslexia is the number one reading disability. Could your child have it? Learn the red flags and most importantly what to do about it if you suspect it. Presented by Susie Beard and Tracy Hastings.



### Supporting Children with ADHD

Sat. 3/16 | 2-3pm | NOB

Join Dr. Allyssa Mattes, a local pediatric neuropsychologist, in this discussion focused on supporting children with ADHD. Learn what executive function is, how to support its development in a child's brain, and how to identify when they need help.

### Attracting Purple Martins

Sun. 3/17 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Local birder Brian Beidle will teach about attracting and keeping Purple Martins. This songbird is heralded for their unmistakable sounds, beauty, and insect consumption/pest control.



### Notes on Blindness

Tues. 3/19 | 5-5:45pm, 6-6:45pm & 7-7:45pm | FIS

For Disability Awareness Month, join us for Notes on Blindness, an award-winning narrative virtual reality experience. Using a Meta Quest 2 VR headset, you will discover a world beyond sight on a journey lasting 30-45 minutes.



### Preparing for Adulthood on the Autism Spectrum\*

Sun. 3/24 | 3-4pm | Virtual

Join Rachel Deaton from the Autism Society of Indiana for this virtual workshop focusing on the steps that need to be followed when turning 18 when qualifications for services change.



### Women of History Vision Boards

Mon. 3/25 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

Celebrate Women's History Month by learning about female powerhouses of the past and today. Drop-in any time and make a vision board!

### Leave No Trace\* | Ages 6+

Sat. 4/13 | 2-3pm | FIS

To prepare for Earth Day, we'll discuss the seven principles of "Leave No Trace" to help you explore the outdoors sustainably every time you get outside. Presented by Leslie Lorange.

# SEED LIBRARY

### Winter Gardening for Families

Mon. 2/5 | 4-6pm | FIS

### Cut Flower Gardening

Wed. 2/7 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

### Peony Planting

Tues. 3/19 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

### Companion and Succession Planting

Mon. 4/22 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

The AARP Tax Aide Service will be offered at Noblesville Library by appointment only, February to mid-April on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Please check the Tax Preparation Resources page on the HEPL website for the most up-to-date information and to schedule an appointment.



# Book Clubs

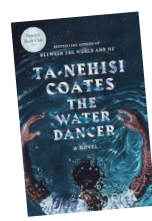
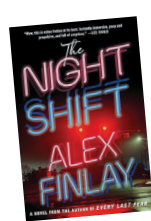
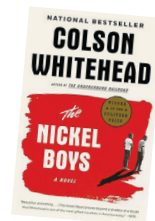
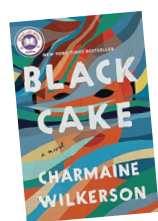
A variety of book clubs for adults. Registration required.

Whether you love mystery novels, nonfiction, historical fiction, recent bestsellers, science fiction, or fantasy—we have a book club for you! All adult readers are welcome. **Please check the HEPL event calendar regularly as book club meeting locations are subject to change.**

Many book clubs' selections are available as eBooks or downloadable audiobooks through Libby or hoopla. Print copies for the upcoming discussions are available to pick up at the library.

For more information, including upcoming titles & links to our book club Facebook groups, visit [hepl.lib.in.us/lets-read/](http://hepl.lib.in.us/lets-read/)

Books on Tap	4th Wednesday each month   6:30-7:30pm
Fiction Fans	2nd Thursday each month   6:30-7:30pm
Just the Facts	2nd Tuesday each month   6:30-7:30pm
Mystery Loves Company	3rd Wednesday each month   6:30-7:30pm
On the Same Page	2nd Tuesday each month   7-8pm
Paging Through Time	4th Wednesday each month   2-3pm
Speculative Fiction Guild	2nd Monday each month <u>except</u> 1st Monday in April   6:30-7:30pm
True Brew Nonfiction	4th Monday each month   7-9pm



# Computer Classes

Registration open 30 days prior to program date and is required for all computer classes.

**Google Drive and Calendar**  
Thurs. 3/7 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

**Excel: Part 1**  
Thurs. 2/15 | 2-4pm | NOB  
Mon. 3/18 | 2-4pm | FIS  
Tues. 4/9 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

**Excel: Part 2**  
Thurs. 2/22 | 2-4pm | NOB  
Mon. 3/25 | 2-4pm | FIS  
Tues. 4/16 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

**NEW! How to Find and Listen to Podcasts**  
Thurs. 4/11 | 9:30-10:30am | FIS

**Introduction to Computers**  
Mon. 3/4 | 9:30-11am | NOB

**Introduction to Graphic Design Using Canva**  
Thurs. 4/25 | 2:30-4pm | FIS

**Introduction to PowerPoint**  
Thurs. 3/21 | 2-4pm | NOB

**Introduction to Windows 11**  
Mon. 4/29 | 2-3pm | FIS

**LinkedIn Basics**  
Tues. 3/26 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

**Online Job Searching**  
Tues. 2/6 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

**Protecting Your Privacy Online**  
Mon. 3/11 | 2-3pm | FIS

**Publisher Basics**  
Thurs. 2/8 | 9:30-11:30am | FIS

**Save It/Find It**  
Thurs. 2/29 | 3-4pm | FIS  
Mon. 4/29 | 2-3pm | NOB

**Tech Tuesday: Drop-in Device Assistance**  
Tues. 2/13, 3/19 & 4/23 | 2-4pm | NOB

**Word: Part 1**  
Tues. 2/13 | 9:30-11:30am | FIS  
Tues. 3/5 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB  
Mon. 4/15 | 2-4pm | FIS

**Word: Part 2**  
Tues. 2/20 | 9:30-11:30am | FIS  
Tues. 3/12 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB  
Mon. 4/22 | 2-4pm | FIS

VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO REGISTER:



# Crossroads Discovery Center

Special Collection of Indiana history and genealogy resources housed in Noblesville Library.

## Understanding the Ethnic Ancestry in Your DNA\*

Thurs. 2/8 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB & Virtual

Learn the reasons why DNA ethnicity tests often yield unexpected results. See why siblings can have surprisingly different ethnicities and why Native American ancestry is rarely found. Compare one person's ethnicity reports from all the major DNA tests and learn why one test or another might be your best choice for ethnicity purposes. Richard Hill will be presenting virtually.

## Presidents Day Program\*

Sat. 2/17 | 2-3pm | NOB

A historic overview of presidential visits with robust dialogue about presidential memories. The audience will be encouraged to bring their own memories of interactions with members of the executive branch of the US government.

## G.A.B. Genealogy Advisory Board

Thurs. 3/7 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Join this informal discussion group with Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist. Share your favorite tips and learn some new tricks for finding our ancestors.

## WHM Demystifying the Daughters & Sons of the American Revolution\*

Sat. 3/16 | 1-2:30pm | NOB

Lineage societies don't have to be intimidating. Attend this program to find out from local DAR and SAR representatives how to apply and what our local DAR chapters do besides research genealogy. Good for beginners or those who want a refresher.

## Justice & the Fall Creek Massacre after 200 Years with Dr. David Murphy\*

Thurs. 3/21 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

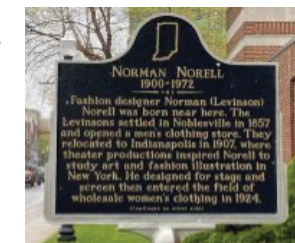
Dr. David Murphy of Anderson University, author of *Murder in Their Hearts*, will discuss what facts are known about the infamous murder by white settlers of a group of Native Americans in March of 1824.



## Costumes by Norell\*

Sat. 4/13 | 2-3pm | NOB

A century ago, the movie *Zaza* premiered in Noblesville starring Gloria Swanson and featuring costumes that were created by Noblesville-born Norman Norell. Learn how the world-famous ready-to-wear designer Norell started as a theatrical costume designer and worked on many shows throughout his life.



## Irish Genealogy with Michael Brophy\*

Thurs. 4/18 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB & Virtual

Join Michael Brophy, a nationally known professional genealogical researcher from the Boston area, in a broad overview of Irish genealogy. This hybrid lecture will cover the unique challenges of researching Irish records and what expectations genealogists should have for several different types of records. Attendees will get a practical guide to finding the origins of their Irish ancestors.

## Dipping into the Archives: History of the Library\*

Sat. 4/27 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Have you ever wondered what's inside the Crossroads Discovery Center Archives? Now is your chance to get a peek! Staff will be showcasing artifacts related to the history of the library, all the way back to its founding in 1856 for a belated National Library Week celebration.



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Registration required.

REGISTER  
HERE:





# Ignite Studio

An arts-inspired makerspace in the lower level of the Fishers Library.

## SUSTAINABLE ART IN IGNITE STUDIO



Explore sustainable art in Ignite Studio! Sustainable art helps us think about the environment, including the materials artists use to create their work, reducing waste, and adopting practices that can reduce the impact on the environment. Explore our eco-friendly program offerings this quarter, including our first annual Fishers Make-Off Competition that will showcase the wonderful things Ignite has to offer.

### Sustainable Screen Printing | Ages 13+\*

Wed. 2/7 | 5:30-6:30pm | IGN

Sat. 2/17 | 1-2pm | IGN

Modern silk screen printing techniques result in beautiful prints but typically uses forever chemicals and plastisol inks that aren't biodegradable. Learn instead how to use household items and repurposed materials to make silk screen printing more sustainable. Participants will make their screens and use pre-cut stencils to make prints to take home.

### Altered Journals with Teaching Artist Meg Marshall | Ages 13+\*

Sat. 2/10 | 11am-12:30pm & 2-3:30pm | IGN

Add design elements to pre-made altered hardback books and learn several creative approaches for journaling. Possible design elements include sewing, adding moving parts, and using recesses for mixed media application. An overview of color theory, "Word Art" process, shape and line work methods, and composition will be covered.

### Eco-dyed Pillow Cover with Teaching Artist Cheryl Lo | Ages 8+\*

Sat 3/2 | 11am-12:30pm & 2-3:30pm | IGN

Experience the beauty of eco-dyeing. Learn to dye with natural ingredients and create flower and leaf prints through hammering. A great way to infuse new life into your wardrobe or home decor!

### Art Lab: Eclipse Prints | All Ages

Wed. 4/3 | 11am-1pm | IGN

Sat. 4/6 | 2-4pm | IGN

Stop by Ignite to make your own print representing the solar eclipse. Using sustainable stamps made from cork and wood, print the stages of the eclipse with water soluble ink.

### Create Botanical Paints with Teaching Artist Maria Schechter - Palettes with Fruits and Flowers | Ages 13+\*

Sat 4/6 | 11am-12:30pm | IGN

Learn about the history of color and cave paintings and create your own eco-friendly painting. Cave paintings will lead discussion on the uses of earth pigments and dyes and materials used 19,000 years ago and how they differ from today's methods of earth pigments and botanical dyes. Patron will work with blueberries and saffron on watercolor paper made from post-consumer waste.

### Create Botanical Paints with Teaching Artist Maria Schechter - Palettes with Avocado and Blueberries | Ages 18+\*

Sat 4/13 | 11am-12:30pm | IGN

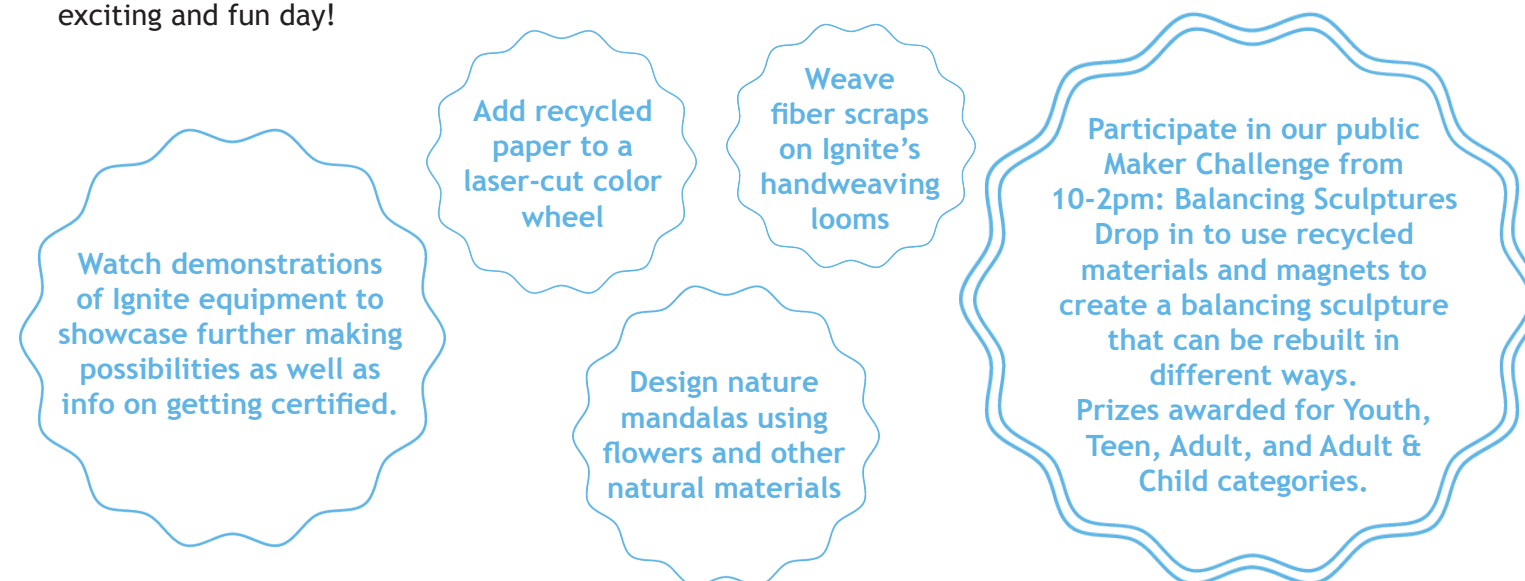
Learn about the "all in one" processing of botanical materials into dyes. The instructor will discuss the importance of trees, which have been used in dyes for thousands of years. Patrons will watch a video on how to process avocado into a dye and then paint with blueberries and avocado on watercolor paper made from post-consumer waste.

# Featured Programs



Saturday 5/4 | 9-3PM | IGN

Showcasing the variety of wonderful, artful things a person can create in our makerspace, Ignite Studio will host its first annual Make-Off Competition. Selected artists will compete to make an original piece of art related to Ignite equipment, kits, or other in-house materials. Artists are challenged to highlight the creative possibilities involved in making. Artists will be given 6 hours to complete a work of art which will culminate in the awarding of monetary prizes. Artists ages 16 and up can apply online in the spring. Spectators will be able to watch the artistic process at work, participate in hands-on activities and watch equipment demonstrations. This year's theme is Sustainable Art. Make your way to Ignite and join us for an exciting and fun day!



## Drop-In Activities

Visit Ignite to participate in these bi-weekly drop-in activities!

- Silhouette Collage
- Gee's Bend Inspired Quilt Cards
- Windcatchers
- Sofie Tauber-Arp Inspired Felt Collages
- Bottle Cap Art
- Sustainable Paper Quilling
- Earth Day Origami Globes



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# Introducing the Crossroads Discovery Center!

Opening early 2024, the Crossroads Discovery Center (CRDC) expands the library's dedication to genealogy and local history services for our patrons.

The Indiana Room collection returns in its entirety to this revamped space. Patrons will be able to browse our extensive reference and circulating collection focused on Hamilton County and Indiana history. Explore our microfilm, maps, county histories, online databases and more!

Also, our historic archives will return to their home in a new climate-controlled space.

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Visit to find out what's new on the second floor of the Noblesville library.



## Crossroads DISCOVERY CENTER

• OUR STORIES CONNECT HERE •

Explore new technology to preserve family memories in a variety of formats. Digitize family photos, documents, VHS, and more in our new Print Lab.

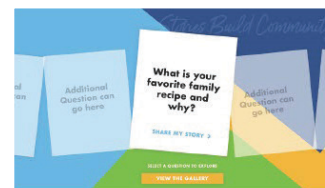
Record your family's oral history with equipment in our Digital Media Labs. Learn how to get started doing genealogy research in our permanent exhibit space.



Get hands on with our interactive historic timeline, record a quick oral history in our community recording booth, and discover how historic records tell a story.

Scroll through history on an interactive timeline.

Contribute to a community oral history.

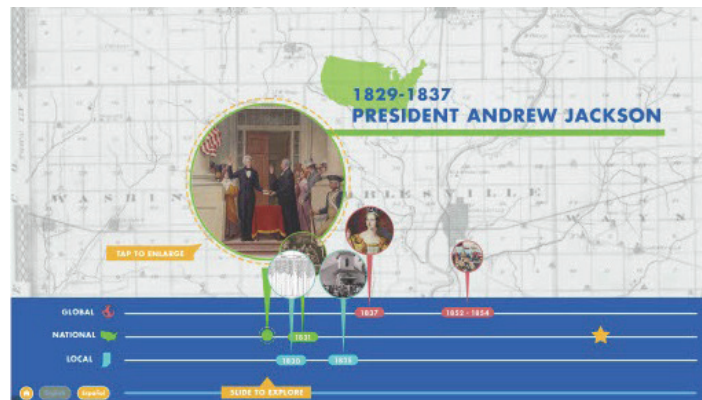


Our experts are always on hand to help with your genealogy and history questions. Welcome to the Crossroads Discovery Center: Our Stories Connect Here!

Learn more about the CRDC here! Keep an eye out on our events calendar to join us for the ribbon cutting in the spring.



Explore our permanent Genealogy Exhibit!



# Celebrations

Join us in celebrating these commemorative months! Look for the flags throughout this issue for more details.

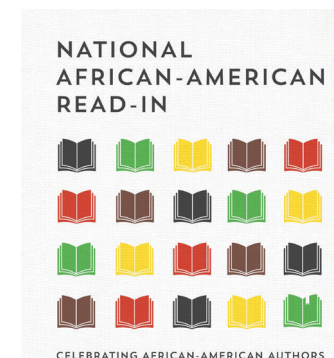
## BHM Black History Month

**Ignite Drop-In Activity: Gee's Bend Inspired Quilt Cards | All Ages**  
**February 12-25 | IGN**

Drop-in to Ignite Studio and be inspired by the art of The Gee's Bend Quiltmakers. Make your own freeform mini "quilt card" using fabric shapes.

**Introduction to Chicago Style 8-Count Stepping | Teens & Adults**  
**Sat. 2/17 | 10-11am | FIS**

**African American Read-In**  
**Sat. 2/24 | 10-11am | NOB | Kids & Middle School**  
**Sat. 2/24 | 2-3:30pm | FIS | High School & Adult**



## WHM Women's History Month

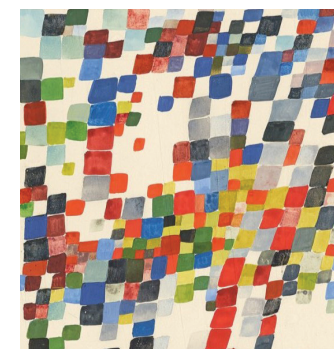
**Ignite Drop-In Activity: Sofie Taueber-Arp Inspired Felt Collages | All Ages**  
**March 11-24 | IGN**

Make a fiber piece inspired by the art of Sofie Taueber-Arp, who loved lines, shapes, and colors and was part of an art movement called Dadaism. In her honor, create a textile collage with felt scraps and brads or thread to create geometric abstract designs.

**Demystifying the Daughters & Sons of the American Revolution | Adults**  
**Sat. 3/16 | 1-2:30pm | NOB**

**Women's History Trivia Night | Teens & Adults**  
**Fri. 3/8 | 6-8pm | FIS**

**Women of History Vision Boards (Drop-In) | Adults**  
**Mon. 3/25 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB**



## DAM Disability Awareness Month

**Get Involved with Special Olympics Indiana | Teens & Adults**  
**Tues. 3/5 | 6-6:45pm | FIS**

**Dyslexia 101 | Adults**  
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**Sun. 3/24 | 3-4pm | Virtual**







## HAMILTON EAST PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Library Information

#### Noblesville Library

One Library Plaza  
Noblesville, IN 46060  
317.773.1384

Located just north of the intersection of Conner Street (S.R. 32) and Cumberland Road, near Noblesville High School.

#### Fishers Library

Five Municipal Drive  
Fishers, IN 46038  
317.579.0300

Located in the Municipal Complex, just north of 116th Street, near the Nickel Plate District Amphitheatre.

#### Ignite Studio

317.579.0331

Located in the lower level of the Fishers Library.

#### Crossroads Discovery Center

317.770.3236

Located in the upper level of the Noblesville Library.

### Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## Let's Get Social



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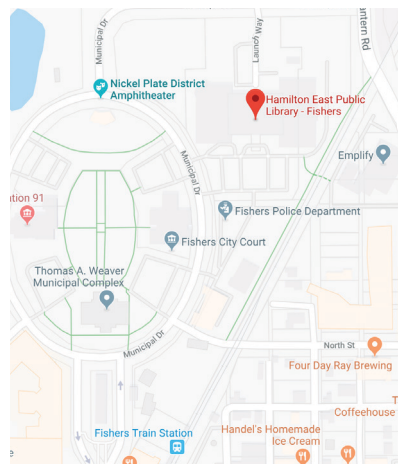


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#### Additional Parking Available:

- Meyer Najem Garage
- The Switch Garage
- The Edge Garage
- Nickel Plate District

For construction updates, please visit us at [hepl.lib.in.us/construction](http://hepl.lib.in.us/construction).

## Library Closures

March 31 | Easter

April 8 | 2024 Solar Eclipse