

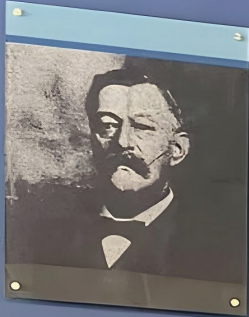


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# DISCOVER

August - October 2024

Welcoming Week | Family History Day | New Maker-in-Residence | Library Card Sign-Up Month



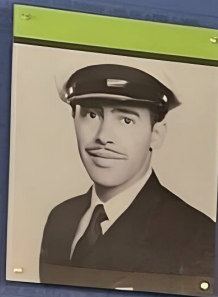
*Leonard Wild*

A German immigrant, Leonard Wild built his own fortune and many of Hamilton County's oldest historic buildings.



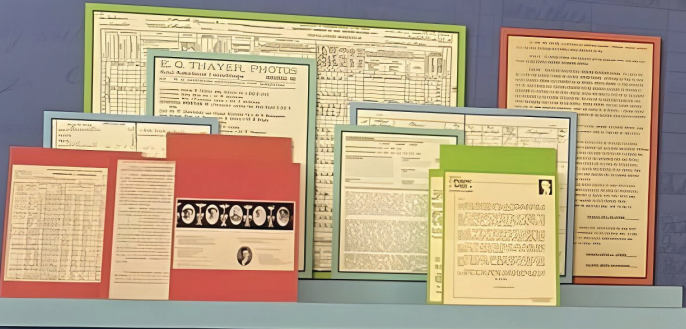
*Lulu Miesse*

Lulu Miesse served as the county's first librarian and raised funds to build the first stand-alone library.



*Murphy White*

Murphy White championed civil rights locally and became Nashville's first Black member of the city council.



Explore these records to discover notable Hamilton County people. Leonard Wild, Lulu Miesse, and the Craig House made our community in different ways. Their stories are the key to understanding our history.

## PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Discovering your family history is like working a jigsaw puzzle. Each record you uncover is a piece of the bigger picture. However, it's important to remember that our ancestors were more than just dates on paper.

Each person also has their own story, which may not always be apparent in the historic record of our life. Using the information you discover, you can better understand their lived experiences when you understand what was happening in their historic world.



# What's Inside?

Learn about what's happening at HEPL this quarter.



## A Message from Our Director

### Melissa Loiselle

Wow, what an amazing summer we had at HEPL! Thank you to everyone who participated in our record-breaking Adventure Begins At Your Library Summer Reading Program. There's no reason to stop the adventures, as we have some amazing things planned for this fall. We are excited to host our first-ever Welcoming Week at the Library! This nationally celebrated event is a time for neighbors to come together to build connections. Speaking of connection, a library card grants access to a wide variety of resources and services, but in September, it opens the doors to unexpected rewards! Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month by showing your library card at participating businesses for a discount. On a personal note, I am honored to be the new Library Director at the Hamilton East Public Library. It is a privilege to serve this community, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to oversee the next great chapter of our Library's story.

*Melissa Loiselle*

Melissa Loiselle, Library Director

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



Don't forget to follow us on social media!



Sign-up for our monthly Bright Ideas eNewsletter: [www.hamiltoneastpl.org/newsletter/](http://www.hamiltoneastpl.org/newsletter/)

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# Highlights



WELCOMING WEEK

## Welcoming Week

Welcoming Week is an annual series of events each September when neighbors, newcomers, and long-time residents come together in a spirit of unity. We will celebrate our vibrant, multicultural community and the ways Hamilton East Public Library's mission, vision, and guiding principles are put into practice year-round. Join us for cultural and civic programming, guest blogs, and more. See what's included on [pages 4-5!](#)



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## New Maker-in-Residence

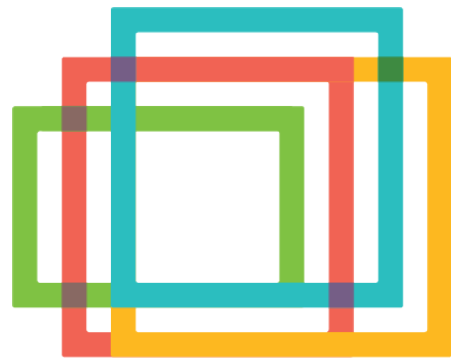
Ignite welcomes Nicole Meyer as our fall Maker-in-Residence. Nicole is a fiber artist and educator who focuses primarily on weaving, macramé, mixed media, and embroidery. She has been teaching art at the high school level for over ten years and has won several Scholastic Art & Writing Awards at the regional and national levels. She enjoys working with textiles and often creates abstract works resembling landscapes. You can find out more about Nicole and her work on [page 16!](#)



I GOT MY LIBRARY CARD TODAY!

## Library Card Sign-Up Month: IDEAs Live Here

Discover the power of a library card! Sign up for or renew your library card at the Fishers or Noblesville Library in September to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month! Show your Hamilton East Public Library card at participating local businesses and get a discount. At the library, Innovation, Discovery, Equity, and Access are the core of what we do. As our tagline says, IDEAs live at Hamilton East Public Library. But so do CREATIVITY, PLAY, STORIES, COMMUNITY, and so much more. Find out about some of the best resources that live at the library on [pages 18-19!](#)



# WELCOMING WEEK

September 13-22, 2024

Welcoming America is an organization that encourages U.S. cities, counties, states, and non-profit organizations to bring together immigrant and non-immigrant communities. Welcoming Week is a series of events each September when neighbors, newcomers, and long-time residents come together in a spirit of unity. These gatherings demonstrate that in places large and small, people of all backgrounds create stronger communities by building meaningful connections and affirming the benefits of welcoming everyone.

During Welcoming Week we will celebrate our vibrant, multicultural community and the ways Hamilton East Public Library's mission, vision, and guiding principles are put into practice year-round. Join us for cultural and civic programming, guest blogs, and more during Welcoming Week. Below are just a few highlights of happenings—be sure to check the HEPL website and event calendar for more!

## Highlights

### Bollywood Dance and Culture with Teaching Artist Usha Sirimalle

Thu. 9/19 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Indian culture, language, and history is all intertwined in this movement workshop. Learning choreography together in a low-pressure environment, we will dance to traditional Bollywood music. Participants will be introduced to the basic steps used in Indian Bollywood dancing. Bollywood is a fusion of traditional and classical Indian dances with the influence of some jazz, hip-hop, and modern dance. It is a creative mixture of technique, energy and emotion but most of all massive fun. We will learn poses, grace, hand and foot movements, and expression—all integral parts of Bollywood dance. The meanings of the songs are explored, and participants will be able to dance and act them out. For adults and teens. Registration requested.

### Venezuelan History, Culture, and Migration

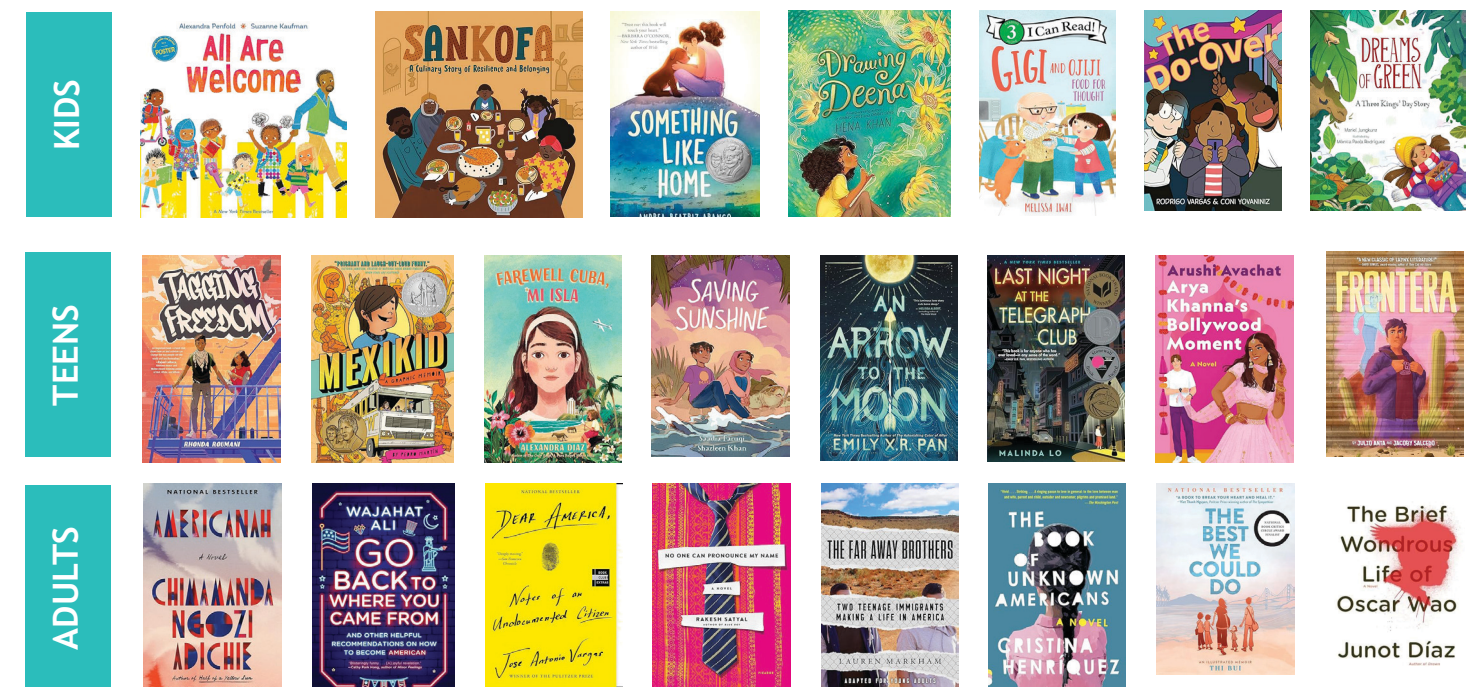
Thu. 9/19 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

If you've lived in Central Indiana for a while, chances are you know a person from Venezuela! Known for their warm manners and dishes like arepas, this growing community has made places like Noblesville and Fishers their home in the past decade. Join us for a conversation about Venezuelan history, cultural values and traditions, and recent migration to the United States. Whether you have Venezuelan neighbors or have Venezuelan roots yourself, this program will give the opportunity to learn something new or share your own experiences. For adults and teens. Registration requested.

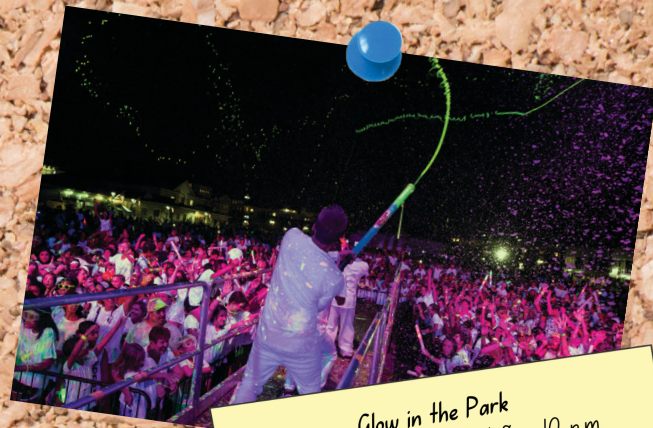
### Paper Picado Banner with Teaching Artist Beatriz Vasquez

Sat. 9/21 | 11am-12:30pm & 2-3:30pm | IGNITE

Celebrate the characteristics and vastness of paper as a sustainable, accessible, and inclusive art medium. Beatriz Vasquez is an internationally recognized first generation Mexican American artist who works in papel picado (paper cut). This workshop honors the original people of Puebla Mexico who preserve the traditional ancient art form and highlights traditional ancient, handcrafted tools and skill. All ages welcome to this family-friendly class. Registration begins two weeks prior to workshop.



# Community Spotlight



**Glow in the Park**  
 Friday, 9/20 (21+ only) | 8 - 10 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9/21 (family night) | 8 - 10 p.m.  
 NPD AMP | Prices vary. Registration required  
 Get messy while enjoying face painting, live DJs, dancing, neon splash zones, and more! Black lights, fog machines, and lasers will light up the night, so wear white and get ready to glow. Learn more at FishersParks.com.



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Be a part of this year's **Geist Half Race Series** on Saturday, September 14. The event will feature the 13.1-mile walk/run race, the return of the popular 10K race, and a family-friendly 5K with optional VIP registration and volunteer opportunities. Get involved with this beloved community tradition at GeistHalf.com.





## Blues Fest

Saturday, 8/31 & Sunday, 9/1  
 NPD Amphitheater | Free

End the summer with the 12th annual Fishers Blues Fest, a Labor Day tradition! The free, two-night event includes performances by renowned local and national blues artists. For a list of performers, visit [npdamp.com](http://npdamp.com).



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# Family HISTORY DAY GENEALOGY CONFERENCE



Saturday, October 12 | 9:30am-4pm | Noblesville Library

Enjoy a full day of classes and networking with fellow genealogists! Professional genealogists will present programs for family history researchers at all levels on Censuses, Newspapers, DNA, Cemeteries, Land Records, and more. Over a dozen historical and genealogical groups will be here to answer questions and provide more information on their work throughout the event. Door prizes and giveaways will go home with some lucky winners.

Check-in will begin at 9:30am, and our keynote speaker, Juliana Szucs, will kick things off at 10am. Then, choose the sessions you prefer throughout the day. There will be a break from 12:15pm to 2pm to try the local lunch scene or bring your own to enjoy on our patio. Visit with the representatives from local historical and genealogical groups, including the Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Hamilton County Historical Society, and lineage societies.

## Sessions

### Tuning Into the DNA of Your Ancestors

*JaKobi Burton, Indiana African American Genealogy Group*  
 11:15-12:15pm

Music is a universal language that can bring people together from all over the world. Did you know it can connect you to your ancestors as well? To better understand your DNA matches, it is essential to have a good understanding of DNA recombination. In this focused discussion, we will break down this process into easy-to-digest bites of knowledge.

*Navigating Federal Census Records*  
*Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist*  
 11:15-12:15pm

Uncover and piece together your family history through census data. Census records hold valuable clues waiting to be discovered. Go beyond the numbers and delve into the lives of your ancestors. Explore your family's lineage across different census years.

### Genealogy Next Steps: Digging Deeper

*Kamia Jackson, Program Committee Chair of Indiana African American Genealogy Group (IAAGG)*  
 2-3pm

Discover genealogy research tips and methods to finding out more about your ancestors. Learn to go beyond basic searches and break down those brick walls through newspapers, directories, and more!

*Breaking the Silence: Understanding One Man's Naval Experience in World War II*  
*Lauren Peightel, Manager of Engagement at Indiana Historical Society*  
 2-3pm

Follow one sailor from the rolling Alleghenies to European shores, desert sands, and tropical islands and his granddaughter's research to understand his silence at the helm of LST-504. More than military research or resource tips, this is a deeply personal story of unhealthy inter-generational patterns and an ongoing example of applying the lessons gleaned from our work to heal our family today and tomorrow.

*Land For the Landless: Homestead Records and How to Use Them*  
*Amber Oldenburg, One Branch at a Time Genealogy*  
 3:15-4:15pm

The Homestead Act of 1862 opened millions of acres of land for settlement across 30 states. Interested individuals needed to meet certain criteria before the land could gain title to this land. The records created from this process are often overlooked by family historians. This session will help you understand the wealth of knowledge that can be found in these valuable records.

*Sermons in Stones: The Symbolism of Grave Markers and Cemetery Art*  
*Glory-June Greiff, Historian-At-Large*  
 3:15-4:15pm

Public historian Glory-June Greiff discusses the meaning behind the lambs, urns, tree stumps, and other symbols found on gravestones. Bring your questions about cemetery symbols and discover a world of hidden meaning.

Registration Required

# Children

A variety of events and programs geared for children.

## Highlights

**Hamilton East Bike Rodeo\* | Ages 7-10**  
Sat. 9/28 | 10-12pm | FIS

Bring your bike, and we'll provide FREE helmets (while supplies last). Learn safe ways to travel on bike path trails. Then, gear up for an obstacle course challenge that will build your riding skills. Please note: a helmet must be worn to participate. Presented by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and sponsored by Friends of the Library.



**Hamilton County 4H Dog Obedience Show | All Ages**

Sat. 10/26 | 10-11am | NOB

Come see the kids of Hamilton County's 4H Dog Obedience program while they show off the impressive skills that they learned with their pup!

*\*Please note: Registration required.*

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



**History Comes Alive: Living Wax Museum Series\* | Ages 5-18 | Homeschool Program**

Weds. 9/11 | 2-3pm | FIS | [Discovering Historical Figures](#)

Weds. 9/25 | 2-3pm | FIS | [Exploring History Through Research](#)

Weds. 10/9 | 2-3pm | FIS | ["Living Wax Museum" Presentation Day](#)

Join us for "History Comes Alive: A Journey Through Time," a three-part educational program designed for homeschool students ages 5-18. Over three engaging sessions, students will delve into the lives of historical figures, mastering basic research skills, creating captivating presentations, and bringing history to life in our grand finale—a Living Wax Museum! Students must register and attend all sessions.

**Spooktacular Costume Ball | Families**

Sat. 10/26 | 11am-1pm | FIS

Take a break from Boo Bash! Join us indoors for a fabulous and spooky dance party! All ages are welcome! Costumes are encouraged but not required.



## Book Clubs

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

Wed. 8/14, 9/11 & 10/9 | 6-7pm | Virtual

Aug: *Let's Play Crabby* by Jonathan Feske | Sep: *Press Start: Super Game Book* by Thomas Flintham | Oct: *April & Mae and the Talent Show: The Wednesday Book* by Megan Dowd Lambert

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

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

Wed. 8/21, 9/18 & 10/16 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS

Aug: *Storm Runners* by Roland Smith | Sep: *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome | Oct: *Mrs. Frisby & the Rats of NIMH* by Barbara Caruso

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



## Featured Programs

**Family LEGO Challenge\* | Families**

Weds. 8/7, 9/4 & 10/2 | 4pm & 6pm | FIS

Thurs. 8/1, 9/5 & 10/3 | 4pm & 6pm | NOB

Families and LEGO enthusiasts of all ages are welcome to attend.

**Sticker Mania | Families**

Weds. 8/7, 9/4 & 10/2 | 3-4pm | NOB

Join forces with other sticker lovers while we make a sticker book and own stickers!



**Full STEAM Ahead\* | Ages 8-11**

Weds. 8/14, 9/11, & 10/9 | 3-4pm | NOB

Join us for a monthly STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) themed program.

**Cool Crafting Club\* | Grades 1-5**

Weds. 8/21, 9/18 & 10/16 | 2-3pm & 6-7pm | NOB

Love to be creative? Want to try new crafts and make new friends? Come crafting with us!

**Sunday Stories | Ages 2+**

Sun. 8/25, 9/22 & 10/20 | 2-2:45pm | NOB

Sun. 8/11, 9/8 & 10/6 | 2-2:45pm | FIS

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

**Board Game Alliance | Ages 6-18 | Homeschool Program**

Tues. 8/27, 9/24 & 10/22 | 10-11am | NOB

Come play tabletop games with other homeschoolers and make some new connections! Different games from our library collection will be available each month.

**B'Twixt 'n B'Tween\* | Grades 3-5**

Weds. 8/28 | 6-7pm & 8/29 | 2-3pm | FIS

Explore more complex crafts for tweens in this fun hands-on program!

**Gathering STEAM\* | Ages 5-7**

Weds. 8/28, 9/25 & 10/23 | 3-4pm | NOB

Join us for a monthly STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) themed program.

**Grooving Grandparents | Ages 0-5**

Fri. 9/6 | 10-11am | NOB

We are ready to celebrate Grandparent's Day in a groovy way. Grandparents and grandkids can play instruments and dance and craft the morning away.



**Munch Bunch "Bored" Gamers | Ages 5-12 | Homeschool Program**

Thurs. 9/12 & 10/10 | 1-3pm | FIS

Bring your own brown bag lunch and spend time with your homeschool pals, then hangout for board games and fun!



**Mad Scientists\* | Ages 8-11**

Weds. 9/25 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS | [Aerospace](#)

Thurs. 9/26 | 1:30-2:30pm | FIS | [Aerospace: Homeschool Edition](#)

Weds. 10/23 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS | [Forensics](#)

Thurs. 10/24 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS | [Forensics: Homeschool Edition](#)

Enter the Lab of Inquiry and explore sciences. Nefarious occurrences may happen along this journey of curiosity and discovery.

**Spooky Tuesdays\* | Ages 8-11**

Tues. 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29 | 3-4pm | NOB

Get ready for spooky season with urban legends! Learn about some cryptids, solve a mystery, and do a craft about the creatures.

**Pokémon Trainers and Traders\* | Ages 6-11**

Weds. 10/30 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS

Celebrating all things Pokemon with an emphasis on learning the trading card game and creating Pokemon crafts.



## Weekly Storytimes & Music Programs

NEW DAYS

**Babytime | Ages 0-24 months**

Wednesdays | 9:30-10am | FIS  
Wednesdays | 10:30-11am | NOB

**Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5**

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

**Storytime | Toddlers-Preschoolers**

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

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

Tuesdays | 1-2pm | FIS

Registration not required. These programs begin the week of August 19 and are on break from October 13-26.

# Teen

A variety of events and programs geared for teens in grades 6-12.

## Highlights

### College Prep Series\* | Teens & Adults

Tues. 8/13 | 6-7:30pm | FIS | Academic Planning: Where Do We Start

Tues. 9/10 | 6-7:30pm | FIS | Applying To College: Ready, Set, Wait!!!!

Tues. 10/8 | 6-7:30pm | FIS | Financial Aid: What's the Real Real Cost of Attendance

Join us for this 3-part series on preparing for college presented by Mrs. Karen Bush, Director of College & Career Counseling for Hamilton Southeastern High School and Vice President of Education at GBKB Consulting. Each session will focus on the different topics of preparing for, applying for, and financing higher education.



### After Hours Teen Movie\*

Fri. 8/9 | 6-8pm | NOB

Fri. 8/16 | 6-8pm | FIS

Watch a movie and eat snacks at the library for a special teens only movie night after the library is closed! Teens will vote from a selection of movies rated PG-13 or below at the event.

### Cool Careers: Film & TV Production Management\* | Teens and Adults

Thur. 8/15 | 6-7pm | FIS

Meet Jennifer A. Haire and learn about the role of the Production Manager on a feature film or television show and how they keep the entire project on schedule and on budget. Her work includes domestic and international features, episodic television, documentaries, game shows, and short format productions with budgets from a hundred thousand to hundreds of millions.



### ★ Teen Writing Challenge

Aug 1-31 | Virtual

The theme for HEPL's next Teen Writing Challenge is **short stories in verse!** Let your creativity flow and use free verse, haikus, sonnets, acrostics, or any other form of poetry you want to tell a short story. This can be a collection of poems telling one story or one long poem. Entries are due by August 31st 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.

### Clue Collector Club\* **NEW**

Sat. 9/21 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Are you a fan of mysteries? Do you love true crime? Meet up with other mystery buffs at Clue Collector Club! For our first meeting we'll be solving Mystery at Magnolia Gardens: a Nancy Drew-themed box kit by the company Hunt a Killer Mystery.

### Homecoming: Just Dance\*

Fri. 9/27 | 4:30-5:30p | NOB

Excited for Homecoming but not a fan of the big dance? Or maybe you just can't wait to get down? Get your groove on by hanging out, having snacks, and playing Just Dance at the library! Bring some friends and your boogie shoes for some dancing fun!



### Intro to Computer Programming Series\* | Teens & Adults

Tue. 9/24 & 10/1 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

A two-part series offering a quick and engaging intro to the basics of programming using Python, a widely used and beginner-friendly language. It is designed to give participants a solid understanding of core programming concepts and principles that are applicable across various programming languages. Students are encouraged to bring their own devices. A limited number of laptops will be available.

### Teen Video Game Tournament: Overcooked Edition\*

Sat. 9/28 | 2-4pm | FIS

Team up with friends and compete against other teams to see who can get the highest scores on different Overcooked levels. Max of 4 on a team. Solo? Don't worry, you can join a team the day of!



### Teen Fright Night\*

Mon. 10/28 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

Tues. 10/29 | 5:30-7:30pm | FIS

Teens are invited to the library for an evening of frightful fun! Enjoy pizza & snacks, create creepy crafts, play spooky games, and watch a "scary" movie on the big screen. Attendees vote on the movie! Costumes are optional, but there will be a contest with prizes for the Scariest Costume, the Funniest Costume, and the Best Overall Costume!

## Featured Programs

### Neurodivergent Teen Hangout\*

Thur. 8/1, 9/5 & 10/3 | 6-7pm | NOB

This program is an opportunity for neurodivergent teens to hang out, do an activity, and connect with their peers. Lower lighting and KultureCity 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.

August: Game Night | September: Fall Fest |

October: Game Night

### Gamers Guild\* | Teens and Adults

Sun. 8/4, 9/29 & 10/27 | 1-5pm | NOB

Are you ready to start a new adventure? Want to explore the world of Tabletop Role Playing Games (TTRPGs)? Join us for patron led campaigns in various TTRPG formats like Dungeons & Dragons or Pathfinder. Those interested in being a Game Master should email [programs@hamiltoneastpl.org](mailto:programs@hamiltoneastpl.org).

### Crafty Teens\*

Mon. 8/12, 9/9 & 10/14 | 5:30-7pm | NOB

Wed. 8/14, 9/11 & 10/9 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

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

August: Bird houses

September: Wind chimes

October: Soap Eyeballs



## Fall Break Programs

### Tiger Basketball! An Indiana Escape Room Experience\*

Wed. 10/16 | 2pm & 3:30pm | FIS

Indiana experienced historic basketball moments in 1955 and 1956 when Indianapolis' all-Black Crispus Attucks High School brought home back-to-back state championships, becoming the first all-Black team to win a state championship in any sport in the country. A commemorative shoe was created by Converse in 2021, but it's locked up! Get to the shoe by solving puzzles and cracking codes in this Indiana Escape Room Experience brought to you by the Indiana State Library.

### Teen Anime Club: Japanese Culture edition\*

Fri. 10/18 | 12-2pm | FIS

Teens are invited to a special session of Teen Anime Club presented by Dr. Izumi Harris, the Coordinator of Indiana University Indianapolis' Japanese Studies Program! She and her Japanese Culture class will give a presentation on Japanese culture with fun activities including making origami cranes, calligraphy, Zen Garden designing, and macha tea making.

### Teen Drop-In Craft **NEW**

Wed. 8/21 & 10/2 | 4:30-5:30pm | FIS

Thur. 9/19 | 4:30-5:30pm | FIS

Mon. 8/26 & 9/23 | 4:30-5:30pm | NOB

Tues. 10/1 | 4:30-5:30pm | NOB

Stop by the TeenZone after school for a quick craft before studying or hanging out with friends! While supplies last.

August: Bookmarks | September: Create your own buttons | October: Phone charms

### Teen Video Game Club\*

Wed. 8/28, 9/25 & 10/30 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Calling all teen gamers! Come hang out in the Fishers TeenZone GameCone with other teens and play video games on the library's Nintendo Switch and PS5. Teens vote on which games they want to play each session.

### Teen Gourmet\*

Mon. 9/16 | 6-7pm | NOB

Wed. 9/18 | 6-7pm | FIS

Learn how to make easy mug recipes for a quick meal or sweet treat! All supplies provided.



*\*Please note: Registration required.*

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



# Adult

A variety of events and programs geared for adults.

## Highlights

**Harmony in Motion: Jazz Improv Workshop Series\***  
Sun. 9/29, 10/27 & 11/24 | 3-5pm | FIS

Join Brandon Meeks, an accomplished local jazz artist, with a quintet renowned for its musical excellence. This unique series aims to blend live performances, educational talks, and interactive workshops to inspire, educate, and encourage aspiring musicians of all ages and backgrounds. Each session in the series will begin with a 45-minute performance



by Brandon Meeks and their quintet, showcasing the artistry and excitement of jazz music. Following the performance, Brandon will delve into a brief yet insightful talk, unraveling the intricacies and significance of improvisation in jazz, offering a glimpse into the techniques, theories, and creative processes that underpin the art of improvisation.

The highlight of each session will be the open invitation extended to attendees eager to experience the thrill of improvisation firsthand. With an open-minded approach and a welcoming atmosphere, participants may join Brandon and the quintet on stage for a 45-minute session of live improvisation. Everyone, regardless of background or skill level, will feel empowered to engage with jazz music. If you have your own musical instrument, please bring it with you. All ages welcome but geared towards middle grades to adults.



This workshop series is presented with support from a Fishers Arts + Culture Commission grant.

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**Intro to Computer Programming Series\***  
Tue. 9/24 & 10/1 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

A two-part series of 90-minute classes offering a quick and engaging introduction to the basics of programming using Python, a widely used and beginner-friendly language. It is designed to give participants a solid understanding of core programming concepts and principles that are applicable across various programming languages. Through concise explanations and hands-on examples, students will learn the essentials of writing and understanding Python code, making it an ideal starting point for those new to programming. Students are encouraged to bring their own device. The library has a limited number of Windows laptops available for use during class. For teens and adults.

**The Jazz State of Indiana with the Naptown Jazz 5**  
Sat. 10/5 | 2-3pm | FIS

Visit the roaring 20s on Indiana Avenue, where ragtime and the blues could be heard. Continue on through the century with Hoagy Carmichael and on to contemporary jazz. If you love jazz, you'll love the Naptown Jazz 5! The HEPL Music Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. All ages welcome. Registration requested.



**LGBTQ+ History with Queer Circle City\***  
Mon. 10/7 | 6-7pm | NOB

Local history fanatic Hunter Vale has spent years researching and collecting stories of LGBTQ+ Hoosiers and sharing his findings on his @QueerCircleCity social media accounts. For LGBTQ+ History Month, take some time to learn about queer history right in our area and how it informs our cultural landscape today.

**Movie Magic! Featuring the Indy Winds Flute Choir**  
Sat. 8/10 | 2-3pm | FIS

This family-friendly concert will feature popular tunes from film and stage, engaging the young and young at heart! The IWFC is the leading flute choir in the greater Indianapolis area. Featuring selections from movies new and old, this concert guarantees a fun afternoon of music for the whole family! All ages welcome. Registration requested.



## Featured Programs

**ENL Conversation Group**  
Every Wednesday | 11am-12pm | FIS

Practice speaking English in a casual and comfortable setting. Volunteers will lead the sessions. Registration requested.

**Gamers Guild**  
Sun. 8/4, 9/29 & 10/27 | 1-5pm | NOB

Are you ready to start a new adventure? Want to explore the world of Tabletop Role Playing Games? Join us for patron-led campaigns in various TTRPG formats like Dungeons & Dragons or Pathfinder. Those interested in being a Game Master should email programs@hamiltoneastpl.org. For teens in grades 6-12 and adults. Registration requested.

**The Monday Meetup**  
Mon. 8/5, 8/19, 9/16, 10/7 & 10/21 | 1:30-3pm | FIS

A time to gather, for grownups only! We will meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday (except Labor Day) for a variety of activities throughout the library, including but not limited to playing games, making art, talking and sharing stories, and much more! Check the event calendar for info on specific activities at each meeting. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Virtual Tai Chi with Kayle\***  
Thu. 8/8, 8/22, 9/12, 9/26, 10/10 & 10/24 | 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." Looking to focus on your overall health and wellness? Tai Chi has been shown to improve balance, strength, mood, mental acuity, chronic pain, and other health conditions. Participants may stand or sit in a chair; no floor work or equipment is needed.

**Adult Virtual Craft series\***  
Thu. 8/8, 9/12 & 10/10 | 6:30-7:45pm | Virtual

Register, pick up your craft packet at the library the week before the class, and join us for a step-by-step tutorial! Adults only, please. August - Cupcake Liner Flowers  
September - Monkey's Fist Knot Keyring  
October - Spider Web Embroidery

**Community Blood Drive**  
Wed. 8/14 | 2-6:30pm | FIS  
Wed. 8/21 | 3-7pm | NOB  
Thu. 10/17 | 2-6:30pm | FIS

Be a beacon of hope and donate blood to save lives! Each donor will receive a free book and a piece of HEPL swag. Appointments are highly recommended. Healthy donors are encouraged to participate. Visit the event calendar on the HEPL website to schedule your donation.

**Poetry Workshop with John Hinton**  
Sat. 8/24 | 2-4pm | NOB

Poetry Society of Indiana workshops are designed to be immersive and generative. Through the use of various prompts, we take participants deeper into their own stories and encourage them to tell those stories through poetry. Registration requested.



**Take the SCARE Out of MEDICARE**  
Wed. 10/16 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Medicare's Annual Enrollment period is from Oct. 15-Dec. 7, and this is the time you can change your coverage choices. Are you struggling with questions regarding your benefits, or are you too scared to ask? Don't miss the opportunity to learn all the rules and options available to Medicare beneficiaries. Presented by Kimberly Hughes and Kate Bechtel, licensed Medicare agents located in Fishers with Hughes Healthcare.



**The Dirty Dozen: Are These Invasive Plants in Your Yard?**  
Thu. 8/1 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Join Master Gardeners Lisa Meek and Laura McCloughan, co-chairs of the Native and Invasive Community Educators, for this presentation on invasive plants. You'll learn how to identify the 12 most common invasive plants in Hamilton County, what you can do to prevent their spread, and which native alternatives are recommended instead. Registration requested.

**How to Plant Peonies in Autumn**  
Thu. 9/12 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Professional flower grower, Todd Jameson of Balanced Harvest Farm will talk about the timing of planting, digging, and dividing peonies as well as selecting the proper place for planting. Registration requested.



**Creating Winter Interest in Your Garden**  
Mon. 10/7 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

From November to March, our gardens can look worn out. However, there are some that can catch your eye on a gray or snowy day. Learn how to take advantage of plants that show color, dimension, style, and structure during the winter. Registration requested.

# Book Clubs

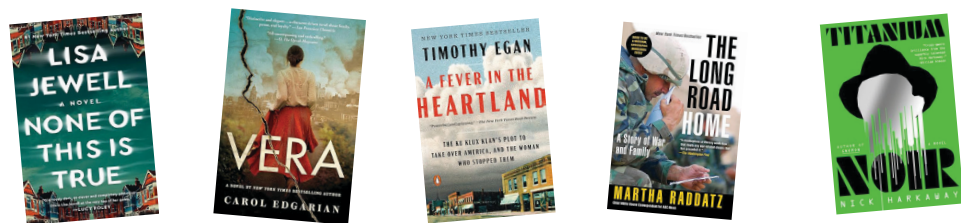
A variety of book clubs for adults. Registration required.

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 [hamiltoneastpl.org/lets-read/](http://hamiltoneastpl.org/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   6:30-7:30pm
True Brew Nonfiction	4th Tuesday each month   7-9pm



# Computer Classes

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

## Computer Basics

Thu. 8/8, 9/26 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

## Create a Presentation with Canva

Thu. 9/12 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

## Create a Resume with Google Drive

Thu. 8/15, 10/10 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

## Intro to Computer Programming Series | For teens and adults

Tue. 9/24, 10/1 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

## Online Job Search Basics

Thu. 8/22, 10/17 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

## Word: Part 1

Tue. 9/10 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

## Word: Part 2

Tue. 9/17 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

## Excel: Part 1

Tue. 8/13, 10/8 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

## Excel: Part 2

Tue. 8/20, 10/15 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

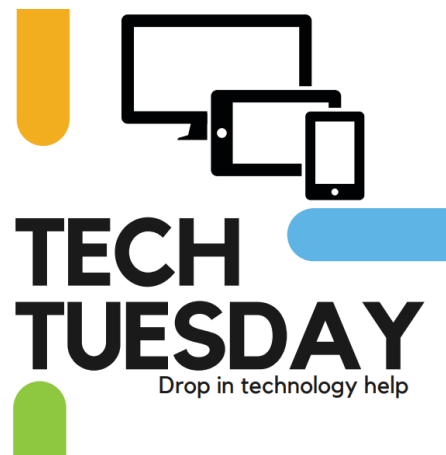


## Tech Tuesday: Drop-in Device Assistance

(registration not required)

Tue. 8/27, 9/24 & 10/29 | 2-4pm | NOB

Tue. 8/13, 9/10 & 10/15 | 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.

## Equipment Showcase\*

Sat. 8/3 | 11-12:30pm | NOB

Discover all the new equipment available in the recently reopened Crossroads Discovery Center. Watch demos of our scanning, conversion, and recording equipment and learn how to get started preserving your family memories.

## Dipping into The Archives: The Richwine Building\*

Sat. 8/17 | 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 Richwine Apartment building in Noblesville. Learn how this building was built and what was happening in Noblesville during this time.

## True Grit and Determination: Finding Your Female Ancestor\*

Mon. 8/19 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Amber Oldenburg will explore why it can be difficult to locate the women in our trees. The challenge and frustration of tracing female ancestors is one that every researcher will experience at one time or another. This presentation will focus on why it is sometimes difficult to locate the women in our family trees and the records and techniques that can help.

## G.A.B. Genealogy Advisory Board\*

Thu. 9/5 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Join us for this informal discussion group with Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist. Share your favorite tips and learn some new tricks for finding our ancestors. This month we will discuss jobs and occupations!

## Beginning Genealogy: 8 Steps to Success\*

Sat. 9/28 | 10-11:30am | NOB

Just beginning to research your family tree? Returning to research after a break? Learn the 8 Steps to Genealogy. Basic methods, tips, online resources, and record types will be explored and discussed.

## Family History Day: Free Genealogy Conference\*

Sat. 10/12 | 9:30am-4pm | NOB

Enjoy a full day of classes and networking with fellow genealogists! Professional genealogists will present programs for family history researchers at all levels on Censuses, Newspapers, DNA, Cemeteries, Land Records and more. Check out page 7 for more details!

## Crownland Cemetery Tour\*

Sat. 10/26 | 1-2pm | NOB

Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville is a great starting point for many stories about county history, from national celebrities to the first Chinese immigrants to military monuments and others. Join the staff from the Crossroads Discovery Center for a stroll through the grounds to explore the diverse people of the community and hear their stories. An indoor version is planned in case of rain.



Now Open!

\*Please note: Registration required.

REGISTER HERE:





# Ignite Studio

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

## Fall 2024 Maker-in-Residence: Nicole Meyer



Ignite Studio welcomes our next Maker-in-Residence, Nicole Meyer. Visit Ignite Studio September - December 2024 to meet her!

Nicole is a fiber artist and educator who focuses primarily on weaving, macramé, mixed media, and embroidery. She has been teaching art at the high school level for over ten years and has won several Scholastic Art & Writing Awards at the regional and national levels. She enjoys working with textiles and often creates abstract works resembling landscapes. You can find out more about Nicole and her work at <https://www.nicoleioma.com/>.



**Q:** What mediums do you work in and why?

**A:** I love fiber art - embroidery, weaving, macramé, felting, etc. I also love combining different methods and doing mixed media work. I enjoy working with different textures and having art be a tactile experience. Yarn/fabric/thread/rope/felt/etc. lends itself so well to that. Fiber art is also unique in that it often brings groups of people together to work in creative circles and form communities.

**Q:** Where do you draw artistic inspiration from?

**A:** I'll often come across a certain type of yarn or a certain color of wool roving and have an urgent need to create something with that specific material. I work around other creatives all the time, whether it be my students, other art educators, or friends. I am constantly inspired not only by their work but by conversation with them. I'm also inspired by my love of gift-giving, and I get excited to create pieces with a specific person in mind.

**Q:** Who are some of your favorite artists?

**A:** I really love and am blown away by Cayce Zavaglia's work. Her embroidery pieces are unreal and very inspiring, and the fact that she displays the messy side of her beautiful work is such a refreshing concept. I enjoy both Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky's work for the color, the use of line and shape, and general playfulness.

**Q:** What kinds of things will you be doing during your residency in Ignite?

**A:** I'll be creating a Community Doodle Embroidery in collaboration with the Ignite community. Anyone can add a little doodle that represents themselves in some way, whether it be a simple drawn image, a design, or a written word. I will then embroider over the drawn lines to create a permanent representation of the community in Ignite during fall 2024.

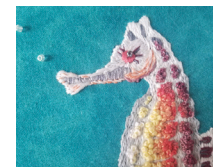
**Q:** What art accomplishment are you most proud of?

**A:** I am most proud of passing on my love of fiber arts to my students. They often tell me that they use the techniques they have learned in my classes to relax and unwind, and that they are so happy and impressed by the pieces they create. My students sometimes claim that they are not artists and/or not creative, but then leave my class with a sense of creative self-confidence.

# Maker Schedule

**2D Needle Felting | Ages 10 & up\***

Wed. 9/4 | 5-7pm | IGN  
Wed. 10/9 | 12-2pm | IGN  
Sat. 11/16 | 10-12pm | IGN  
Mon. 12/9 | 4-6pm | IGN



Create your very own felted "painting" with colorful wool fibers. Explore seasonal themes, landscapes, plants and nature, or a subject dear to your heart.

**Hand Embroidery 101 | Ages 8 & up\***

Sat. 9/7 & Wed. 10/16 & 11/6 | 10am-12pm | IGN  
Mon. 11/18 | 4-6pm | IGN  
Mon. 12/2 | 5-7pm | IGN

Learn how to create beautiful works using embroidery! Choose from either pre-made designs or make your own in this course for all levels of experience.

**Macramé Air Plant Hangers | Ages 8 & up\***

Mon. 9/9 | 1:30-3pm | IGN  
Sat. 10/5 | 12-2pm | IGN  
Tues. 10/15 | 5-7pm | IGN

Create a small macramé plant hanger to hang on your wall and display your adorable air plants.

**3D Needle Felting | Ages 10 & up\***

Wed. 9/11 & Mon. 10/14 | 2-4pm | IGN  
Wed. 10/2 & Mon. 12/16 | 5-7pm | IGN

Learn the satisfying art of 3D needle felting! Create a seasonal sculpture or a sculpture of your choosing.

**Macramé Wall Hanging | Ages 8 & up\***

Wed. 9/18 & 10/30 | 5-7pm | IGN  
Sat. 11/9 | 10-12pm | IGN

Create a decorative macramé wall hanging to give as a gift or bring some cozy texture to your decor.

**Weaving | All Ages \***

Mon. 9/23 | 12-2pm | IGN  
Mon. 10/21 | 5-7pm | IGN  
Tues. 11/12 | 5:30-7:30pm | IGN

Explore the relaxing art of weaving by creating a small work of art using various textures and colors.

*\*Please note: Registration required.*

VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS FOR MORE DETAILS  
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**Macra-Weave Workshop | 8 & up\***

Wed. 9/25 | 1-4pm | IGN  
Sat. 10/26 & 12/14 | 10am-1pm | IGN  
Sun. 11/24 | 12-3pm | IGN

Combine two fiber techniques (macramé and weaving) into one in this fun multi-technique workshop!

**Fiber Art Personalized Gift Tags Drop-in | All Ages**

Tues. 12/17 | 5-7pm | IGN

Take your wrapped gifts to the next level with your own homemade fiber art gift tags. Make yarn pom poms, embroider your giftee's name on felt, make a small macramé tree, or combine all three!

**Open Studio | All Ages**

Mon. 9/9 | 3-6pm | IGN  
Wed. 9/25 | 9am-1pm | IGN  
Mon. 10/7 | 12-4pm | IGN  
Wed. 10/16 & 11/6 | 12-3pm | IGN  
Mon. 12/9 | 1-4pm | IGN

Bring your own projects (or continue pieces started in classes), questions, or simply your curiosity and join our MIR as she works in the studio! Add to the community doodle embroidery project (by December 1st), and she will stitch your doodles and words into an embroidered piece, which will be presented at the end of her residency.



**Perspective: Music and Art Series | All Ages**

Sat. 10/19 | 1-3pm & Thurs. 11/7 | 6-7pm | IGN

Perspective is a collaborative music and visual art event series presented at Ignite Studio. Forward Motion, Indianapolis' premiere contemporary classical music ensemble, is teaming up with visual artists to present two events with curated music that share strong thematic connections to new art pieces. The first of these events is a collaboration with Ignite's Fall Maker-in-Residence, Nicole Meyer. Enjoy a pre-performance talk and then listen to music curated specifically to pair with Nicole's pieces and engage in a live-weaving activity where you can make your own music-inspired piece. November's event will be in conjunction with the opening of the Winter Exhibit. *Perspective is made possible through a grant from the Fishers Arts and Culture Commission.*



# September Library Card SIGN-UP month

Discover the power of a library card! Sign up for or renew your library card at the Fishers or Noblesville branch of Hamilton East Public Library in September to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Show your library card at participating local businesses between September 1-30 to get a discount!

Rita's Italian Ice  
8789 North St., Suite #120  
Fishers, IN 46038  
10% off your order



Handel's Homemade Ice Cream  
8760 E. 116th Street  
Fishers, IN  
10% off your order



Handel's Homemade Ice Cream  
14165 Cabela Parkway  
Noblesville, IN 46060  
10% off your order

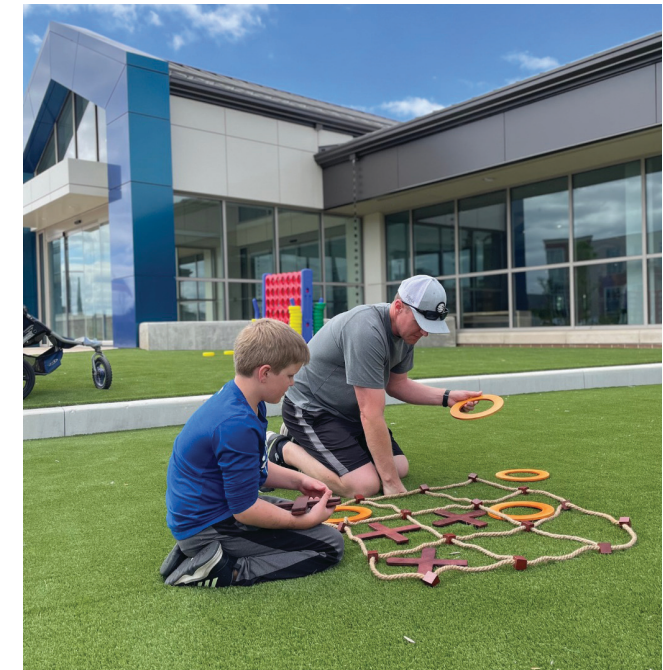
See the full list of participating businesses and discounts at [hamiltoneastpl.org](http://hamiltoneastpl.org) starting September 1!



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## 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

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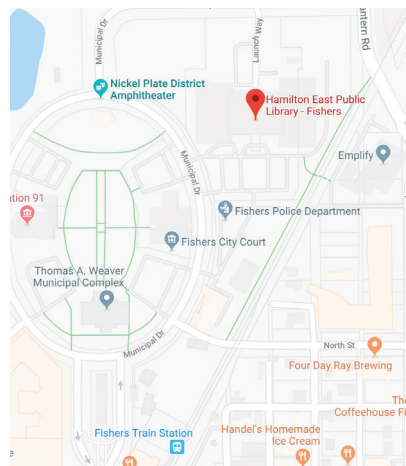


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### Additional Parking Available:

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

For construction updates, please visit us at [hamiltoneastpl.org/construction](http://hamiltoneastpl.org/construction).

## Library Closures

September 2 | Labor Day

October 11 | Staff Development Day