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# DISCOVER

November 2024 - January 2025

LibraryCon! | Season of Giving | Comic Book in a Day | Made With Love: DIY Your Gifts With HEPL





# What's Inside?

Learn about what's happening at HEPL this quarter.



## A Message from Our Director

### Melissa Loiselle

As we wish the warmer weather farewell, the library has so much to offer heading into the winter season. We're excited to announce our first ever LibraryCon!, happening in November! We hope that you join us for fandom activities designed for all ages. As we approach the holiday season, HEPL encourages you to celebrate the spirit of giving during our annual Season of Giving initiative, with program offerings and donation drive partnerships. We also invite you to visit the library to create a handmade gift made with love. The library has all the equipment you need to create meaningful projects for your loved ones this holiday season. In January, celebrate your love of comics at the 12th Annual Comic Book in a Day competition! Join artists of all ages and experience levels to complete your very own original comic book from scratch. Reflecting on the past year, we have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for and so much to look forward to as we usher in the new year!

*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)



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# Highlights



## LibraryCon!

Get ready for loads of family-friendly geeky goodness and fandom activities for all ages at HEPL's first ever LibraryCon! This event will include a cosplay contest, themed workshops, trivia, musical performances, board games, art and memorabilia, face painting, and so much more. See all the fun we have planned on [page 4!](#)



## Season of Giving

The library will once again celebrate the spirit of giving from December 1 to January 5 with our Season of Giving. Happenings include programs at the library and donation drive partnerships with the Noblesville Township and Delaware Township trustee offices and HamCoLove, a local nonprofit that aims to provide necessary period care products to Hamilton County residents. Read about what you can donate this season on [page 5!](#)



## Comic Book in a Day

Celebrate your love of comics at the 12th Annual Comic Book in a Day competition! Professional artists will be on hand to help guide and inspire competitors to complete their own original comic book from scratch. New this year, Noblesville Creates will have two age groups competing during different time frames, as well as an online option prior to the actual competition. Learn more and sign up to compete on [page 16!](#)



## Made With Love: DIY Your Gifts With HEPL

Embrace the charm of handmade gifts this season. The library has all the equipment you need to create all kinds of meaningful projects for your loved ones. Use our embroidery machine to embellish a sweater. Digitize old family photos for long-lasting memories. Design a cute poster and print it on our large-format printer. Head to [pages 18-19](#) to see featured projects, all handmade with love at the library.





**Saturday, November 16**  
**10am-2pm | All Ages | FIS**

*Get ready for loads of family-friendly geeky goodness and fandom activities for all ages at HEPL's first ever LibraryCon!*

Dress up as your favorite character and take pictures or video in our 360° photobooth and selfie stations. Get your face painted or show off a new airbrushed tattoo from Indy Face Painting & More artists.

Get crafty in one of our themed workshops, led by ...And Sewing is Half the Battle! and Beth Broadhurst. Try your hand at 3D needle felting with Ignite Studio's Maker-in-Residence Nicole Meyer or make a manga-themed button or magnet in the TeenZone.

*"...And Sewing Is Half The Battle!"*



Are you a Jane Austen or Bridgerton fan? Learn how to spin across the dance floor in an interactive English Country Dancing workshop.

Interact with our Star Wars friends from Star Wars Indiana and enjoy music from a galaxy far, far away with a performance by The Threepios. Or, enjoy a live performance with a mixture of anime, video game, and movie music

from Eric Salazar and Li-Wen Weng.



Are these the droids you're looking for? They might be! Our local schools' robotics teams are bringing their interactive "droids" to play.

Want to test your trivia chops? Sign up for the all-ages LibraryCon! Trivia Showdown and compete in categories ranging from Pokémon, Harry Potter, Star Wars, and more. Whether you're a Jedi Master, a wizard in training, or a Pokémon champion, there's something for everyone. The top three teams will win fantastic prizes, so bring your A-game and prepare for a fun-filled challenge!

Visit the Artist and Vendor Marketplace to purchase fandom art and memorabilia. Visit the Friends of the Library bookstore for a special LibraryCon! sale—50% off select items! Check out the "Random Fandom" Art Exhibit. Satisfy your cravings with treats from food trucks.

Wrap up the day by entering or cheering on those in our Cosplay Contest and parade to show off your totally awesome attire.

Drop in to our open board gaming room with Who's Yer Gamers to learn a new game or enjoy an old favorite, or if digital is your thing, check out the GameStar Mobile video game truck! Teens can Challenge the Librarian to a game of Gang Beasts on the TeenZone Game Cone's PS5!



For the most up-to-date and detailed LibraryCon! info, including Cosplay Contest rules and guidelines, stay tuned to the HEPL blog here:



# SEASON —OF— Giving

As we draw near to the end of the year, many in our community will turn their focus to celebrations and times of giving. Again, the library will celebrate that spirit of giving from December 1 to January 5 with our Season of Giving initiative. Happenings include programs at the library and donation drive partnerships with the Noblesville Township and Delaware Township trustee offices and HamCoLove, a local nonprofit that aims to provide necessary period care products to Hamilton County residents. HEPL will collect new socks, winter hats, gloves/mittens, and period care products. Look for donation collection spots at both the Noblesville and Fishers branches between December 1 to January 5.

**Houseplant Swap | All Ages**

**Sun. 12/8 | 1-4pm | FIS**

If you love houseplants and have plants or cuttings to share, please drop in anytime at our Houseplant Swap!

**Crafty Teens with Kiln Creations\* | Grades 6-12**

**Mon. 12/9 | 5:30-7pm | NOB**

**Wed. 12/11 | 5:30-7pm | FIS**

Teens are invited to decorate their own ceramic snowperson bowl! Staff from Kiln Creations will help teens make bowls to keep for themselves or give away for the Season of Giving. Projects can be picked up at Kiln Creations after they have been fired at 60 N 9th St, Noblesville, IN.

**Homemade for the Holidays\* | Ages 6-11**

**Sat. 12/14 | 2-4pm | NOB**

Come make your adult a homemade present!

**Community Blood Drive | Adults**

**Tue. 12/17 | 3-7pm | NOB**

Be a beacon of hope this season and donate blood to save lives! Each donor will receive a free book and a piece of HEPL swag. Appointments are highly recommended. Schedule your donation on the event calendar.

**Book-mas Tree: A Wintry Craft Workshop\* | All Ages**

**Tue. 12/17 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB**

Join us for a fun and festive crafting event where you can transform an old book into a beautiful holiday decoration! Led by the talented Riwo of Gal's Guide Library, you'll learn how to fold and create a unique tree that you can display proudly in your home or give as a gift. All supplies will be provided.

**Simple Gifts | Grades 3-5**

**Weds. 12/18 | 5-7pm | FIS**

Drop in anytime and create small gifts to give to family or friends. Stations will be set up for a variety of crafting experiences.



*\*Please note:  
Registration required.*



**HamCoLove Wishlists:**





# Community Spotlight



Fishers Parks will light up the night on the Nickel Plate Trail. Throughout December, enjoy Nickel Plate Night Lights, a free light display along the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail. Learn more at [FishersParks.com](https://fishersparks.com).



Join the City of Noblesville for the second year of hosting the Holiday in Lights Parade! The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. on December 7, 2024. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you!



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SUPPORT LOCAL, SHOP SMALL

SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!  
[FISHERSIN.GOV/SHOPFISHERS](https://fishersin.gov/shopfishers)

Shop and dine local at boutiques and restaurants around Fishers this holiday season, and be sure to Shop Fishers on Small Business Saturday, November 30. Learn more at [FishersIN.gov/ShopFishers](https://fishersin.gov/ShopFishers).



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Looking for the best holiday light displays around Fishers? Grab some hot cocoa and hop in the car to enjoy the festive displays from fellow residents using the digital Fishers Holiday Lights Map! Is your house decked out for the holidays? Help spread holiday cheer and show off your display by adding your house to the map. Learn more at [FishersIN.gov/FishersLights](https://fishersin.gov/FishersLights).

# All Ages

Events geared for families and people of all ages.

## Taylor Swift Trivia Party\*

Sat. 11/2 | 2-3pm | NOB

Calling all Swifties! Whether you'll be Shaking it Off at the Eras Tour this weekend or Down Bad watching from home, bring your friends and prove that you know Taylor All Too Well! Come wearing your Eras Tour outfit or dressed as your favorite Era for a chance to win bonus points for your team! Friendship bracelets encouraged!

## Belle Musique: Name That Tune!

Sat. 11/2 | 2-3pm | FIS

Belle Musique is the duo of Linda Picard (violin) and Naoko Wallace (piano). Join us to enjoy songs from movies, shows, and more!

## Harmony in Motion: Jazz Improv Workshop Series\*

Sun. 11/24 | 3-5pm | FIS

Join Brandon Meeks, an accomplished local jazz artist, for a 45-minute performance, showcasing the artistry and excitement of jazz music, followed by a brief talk offering a glimpse into the techniques, theories, and creative processes that underpin the art of improvisation. Participants may then join Brandon and his jazz quintet on stage for a 45-minute session of live improvisation.

## Circle City Ringers Holiday Concert

Sat. 12/7 | 1-2pm | FIS

The Circle City Ringers will play seasonal music on their traditional English handbells and hand chimes.



## Jólabókaflóð

Tue. 12/17 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

Celebrate the magic of the Icelandic tradition, Jólabókaflóð, with us at the library! Swap your favorite reads at our book exchange, cozy up in themed reading nooks, and dive into creative activities like bookmark making, story crafting, and puzzling.

## Book-mas Tree: A Wintry Craft Workshop\*

Tue. 12/17 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Join Riwo of Gal's Guide Library for a fun and festive crafting event where you can transform an old book into a beautiful holiday decoration.

## Puzzle Swap

Sat. 1/4 | 10am-1pm | NOB

Join us for a Puzzle Swap where you can refresh your jigsaw puzzle collection by swapping out your old ones for new-to-you puzzles! Full details on Adults page.

## Teens & Adults

### Life Skills: Intro to First Aid\*

Mon. 11/18 | 6-7pm | NOB

Wed. 1/22 | 6-7pm | FIS

Learn the basics of first aid. Jim Ginder, a Health Education Specialist from the Hamilton County Health Department, will lead the program at Noblesville. Kacy Brobst, a Public Health Educator from the Fishers Health Department, will lead the program at Fishers.



### Chocolate: From Pod to Product\*

Tue. 11/19 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Tue. 12/3 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Join us to sample several varieties of chocolates as we learn about the origin, history, and manufacture of one of the world's most preferred confections.

### Gamers Guild\*

Sun. 11/24, 12/15 & 1/12 | 1-5pm | NOB

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.

### VR Open House

Fri. 12/27 | 2-4pm | FIS

Drop in to experience virtual reality through Meta Quest 2 headsets! Attendees will have approximately 15 minutes to explore VR apps/games after a librarian gives an overview of how to use the equipment.

### Puzzle Showdown\*

Sat. 1/4 | 11am-12:30pm | NOB

This is the event to chase away the winter boredom! Teams of four will race to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle in just 90 minutes. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams!



### Cool Careers: Concierge Family Practice Doctor & Medical Assistant\*

Tues. 1/28 | 6-7pm | FIS

Learn what it takes to start a career in the medical field. Meet Dr. Emily Szewczyk and Suzy Prather to see how doctors and medical assistants work together to give their patients the best care.

*\*Please note: Registration required.*



# Children

A variety of events and programs geared for children.

## Happy Holidays

### Nutcracker Storytime | Ages 0-5

Fri. 11/22 | 10-10:45am | FIS

Come listen to the story of the Nutcracker read by dancers from the Ballet INitiative!

### Stories with Mrs. Claus\* | Families

Weds. 12/11 | 6-7pm | NOB

Come in your pajamas, listen to some holiday tales from Mrs. Claus, make some reindeer chow, and get crafty.

### Homemade for the Holidays\* | Ages 6-11

Sat. 12/14 | 2-4pm | NOB

Come make your adult a homemade present!

### Interactive Grinch Movie\* | Families

Mon. 12/16 | 5-7pm | NOB

Enjoy an interactive movie with other families making the fun three sizes bigger!

### Simple Gifts | Grades 3-5

Weds. 12/18 | 5-7pm | FIS - Drop in anytime!

Drop in and create small gifts to give to family or friends. Stations will be set up for a variety of crafts.

### Snow Fort Challenge\* | Ages 7-11

Thurs. 1/2 | 2-3pm | NOB

Can you build a snow fort that can stand strong against snowball attacks?

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



## Book Clubs

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

Wed. 1/8 | 6-7pm | Virtual

*Team Spidey Does it All!* by Steve Behling

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. 12/11 | 6-7pm | FIS

*Scat* by Carl Hiaasen

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



## Highlights

### Cool Careers: Homeschool

Program | Fiber Artist and Weaver | Ages 6-18

Tues. 11/5 | 10-11am | NOB

Have you ever wondered what it'd be like to be an artist? Come find out from Megan Benson, a local fiber artist and weaver!

### Tech Quest: Homeschool Program\* | Ages 6-11 **NEW**

Tues. 11/5, 12/3 & 1/7 | 2-3pm | NOB

Come explore the library's newest tech and work as a team to learn simple coding and overcome obstacles.

### Fossil Dig Discovery\* | Grades 3-5

Thurs. 11/7 | 4-5pm | FIS

Ever wonder how paleontologists dig fossils? Staff from The Indiana State Museum will lead this exploration of fossil discovery and study.

### The Wild Robot\* | Ages 7-11

Tues. 11/12 | 6-7pm | FIS

Oh no! A robot named Roz has been shipwrecked on a deserted island. Join us as we help Roz adapt to her new surroundings.



### Jr Chef\* | Grades 2-5 **NEW**

Thurs. 11/21, 12/19 & 1/16 |

5:30-6:30pm | FIS

Join us for a fun beginning cooking class for kids.

*\*Please note: Registration required.*

## Featured Programs

### Sticker Mania | Families

Weds. 11/6 & 12/4 | 3-4pm | NOB

Join forces with other sticker lovers while we make our own sticker book and stickers.

### Family LEGO Challenge\* | Families

Weds. 11/6 & 12/4 | 4pm & 6pm | FIS

Tues. 11/19, 12/17 & 1/21 | 4pm & 6pm | NOB

Families and LEGO enthusiasts of all ages are welcome to attend. Work as a group or individually!

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

Tues. 11/12, 12/10 & 1/28 | 10-11am | NOB

Come play tabletop games with other homeschoolers and make some new connections!



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

Weds. 11/13, 12/11 & 1/8 | 3-4pm | NOB

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

### Sunday Stories | Ages 2 and up

Sun. 11/17, 12/8 & 1/5 | 2-2:45pm | NOB

Sun. 11/24, 12/22 & 1/19 | 2-2:45pm | FIS

Hear some stories, sing some songs, make a craft, and dance away your afternoon.



### Tea-Rex Party | Families

Tues. 11/19 3-4pm | NOB

Come celebrate Dino-venber with Tiny the T-rex at a tea party!

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

Weds. 11/20, 12/18 & 1/22 | 3-4pm | NOB

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

### Pokémon Club\* | Ages 6-11

Thurs. 11/21, 12/19 & 1/16 | 3-4pm | NOB

Weds. 1/29 | 6-7pm | FIS  
Collect, trade, battle, and chat all things Pokemon!

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

Weds. 11/20, 12/18 & 1/15 | 2-3pm & 6-7pm | NOB

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

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

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

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

### Disney Trivia | Families

Fri. 1/3 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Bring the whole family for Disney-themed trivia! Prizes for winning team and best costume.

### Turning Red: Interactive Movie\* | Families

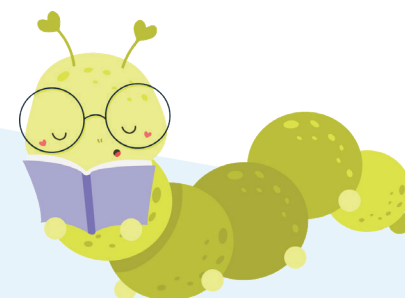
Sun. 1/12 | 2-4pm | FIS

A family-friendly, interactive presentation of Pixar's Turning Red.

### Mad Scientists: Build with Bernoulli \* | Ages 8-11

Weds. 1/15 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS  
Thurs. 1/16 | 1:30-2:30 | FIS | Homeschool Edition

Explore sciences from aeronautics to electronics and chemistry to physics. We will be learning about Bernoulli's Principle and finding out if we can build a structure with a product of it.



## Weekly Storytimes & Music Programs

### 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

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

Tuesdays | 1-2pm | FIS

Thursdays | 1-2pm | NOB

### Storytime | Toddlers-Preschoolers

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

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

Registration not required. These programs are on break from December 22 - January 5.



# Teen

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

## Highlights

### Taylor Swift Trivia Party\* | All Ages

Sat. 11/2 | 2-3pm | NOB

Calling all Swifties! Whether you'll be Shaking it Off at the Eras Tour this weekend or Down Bad watching from home, bring your friends and prove that you know Taylor All Too Well! Brush up on your Taylor Swift knowledge and come prepared to answer questions about Taylor's songs, tours, life, and more! Compete solo or in a team of up to four for a chance to take home the trophy along with some Swiftie prizes. Come wearing your Eras Tour outfit or dressed as your favorite Era for a chance to win bonus points for your team! Friendship bracelets encouraged.

### Life Skills: Intro to First Aid\* | Teens and Adults

Mon. 11/18 | 6-7pm | NOB

Wed. 1/22 | 6-7pm | FIS

Learn the basics of first aid. Jim Ginder, a Health Education Specialist from the Hamilton County Health Department, will lead the program at Noblesville. Kacy Brobst, a Public Health Educator from the Fishers Health Department, will lead the program at Fishers.

## Homeschool Programs

NEW

### Teen Homeschool Writing Club\*

Tues. 11/12, 12/3 & 1/7 | 2-3:30pm | 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? 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!

November: Characters | December: Free Write | January: Descriptions

### How to Use Your Library for Homeschool\*

Wed. 1/15 | 2-3pm | NOB

Learn how to use your library card to its full potential with information on our databases and e-resources in this informational session for teen homeschoolers. Laptops provided but feel free to bring your own digital device!

\*Please note: Registration required.

### Teen Video Game Tournament: Fortnite\*

Sat. 11/23 | 2-4pm | FIS

Compete against other teens in epic Fortnite challenges, such as 1v1 box fights and timed death runs, to see who will come out on top! Games will be played on the library's PlayStation 5 and Nintendo Switch.

Controllers are provided, but teens can bring their own controller if they prefer.



### Cool Careers: Concierge Family Practice Doctor & Medical Assistant\* | Teens and Adults

Tues. 1/28 | 6-7pm | FIS

Learn what it takes to start a career in the medical field. Meet Dr. Emily Szewczyk and Suzy Prather to see how doctors and medical assistants work together to give their patients the best care.

### Teen Homeschool Hangout

Thurs. 11/14, 12/12 & 1/9 | 1-3pm | FIS

Tues. 11/12, 12/10 & 1/28 | 10-11am | NOB

Hang out and play board or video games in the Teen-Zone with other homeschoolers!



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## Featured Programs

### Neurodivergent Teen Hangout\*

Thur. 11/7, 12/5 & 1/2 | 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.  
November: Game Night | December: Winter Fest | January: Game Night

### Teen Drop-In Craft

Wed. 11/6 & 12/4 | 4:30-5:30pm | FIS

Thur. 1/16 | 4:30-5:30pm | FIS

Mon. 11/4, 12/2 & 1/27 | 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.

November: Friendship Bracelets | December: DIY Stress Balls | January: Air Dry Clay Succulents

### Crafty Teens\*

Mon. 11/11, 12/9 & 1/13 |

5:30-7pm | NOB

Wed. 11/13, 12/11 & 1/8 |

5:30-7pm | FIS

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

November: 3D Layered Paper Art | December: Ceramic Snowperson Bowls with Kiln Creations | January: Glass Painting



## Winter Break Programs

### After Hours Laser Tag Party\*

Fri. 12/20 | 5:45-7:30pm | NOB

Fri. 1/17 | 5:45-7:30pm | FIS



Join other teens to play laser tag in the library after hours! While you wait your turn for laser tag, hang out in the TeenZone to play video and board games and eat pizza. A signed physical activity waiver is required to play laser tag.

### Teen Anime Club\*

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

Mon. 1/6 | 12-2pm | FIS

Teen anime fans are invited to geek out about all things anime! We'll make simple sushi rolls while watching and talking about your favorite shows. Plus, the teens who come get to choose what we watch!

### Teen Video Game Club\*

Wed. 11/20, 12/18 & 1/29 | 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.

January's event is VR themed! A signed physical activity waiver will be required. The library's Switch will be available for those not using VR equipment.



### Gamers Guild\* | Teens and Adults

Sun. 11/24, 12/15 & 1/12 | 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).

### Teen Gourmet: Cookies\*

Sat. 12/7 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Sat. 12/14 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Learn how to make chocolate chip and snickerdoodle cookies at this cooking program for teens! All supplies provided.

### Snowball Scavenger Battle!\*

Fri. 1/3 | 3-5pm | FIS

Organized by HEPL's Teen Advisory Board - Events Committee, teens are invited to an epic snowball battle! Race other teams in a scavenger hunt around the library to collect the most (fake) snowballs, and then battle to be the last team standing! There will be multiple rounds. Winter-themed crafts and snacks will be provided between rounds. A signed physical activity waiver is required to participate.

### Clue Collector Club\*

Sat. 1/4 | 2-4pm | NOB

Are you a fan of mysteries? Do you love true crime? Meet up with other mystery buffs at Clue Collector Club! For this meeting we'll be solving "RIP at the Rodeo": a rodeo themed box kit by the company, Hunt a Killer Mystery. Bring your detective cap and get ready to hunt for clues, solve puzzles, and crack the case!



# Adult

A variety of events and programs geared for adults.

## Highlights

### Chocolate: From Pod to Product\*

Tue. 11/19 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Tue. 12/3 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Join us to sample several varieties of chocolates as we learn about the origin, history, and manufacture of one of the world's most preferred confections.



### Book-mas Tree: A Wintry Craft Workshop\*

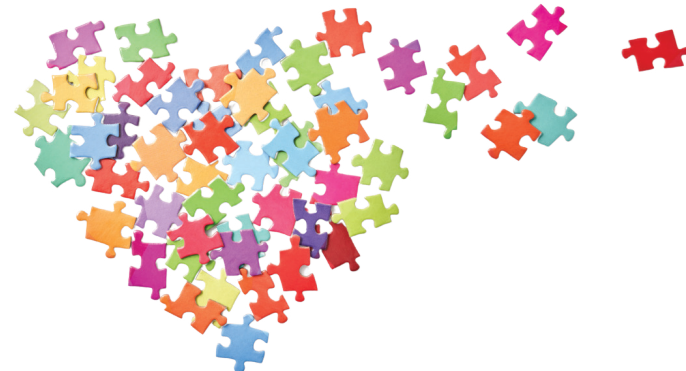
Tue. 12/17 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Join us for a fun and festive crafting event where you can transform an old book into a beautiful holiday decoration! Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or simply enjoy winter festivities, this craft is for you. Led by the talented Riwo of Gal's Guide Library, you'll learn how to fold and create a unique tree that you can display proudly in your home or give as a gift. All supplies will be provided. Bring your holiday spirit to this delightful workshop!



*\*Please note: Registration required.*

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### Puzzle Swap

Sat. 1/4 | 10am-1pm | NOB

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Join us for a Puzzle Swap where you can refresh your jigsaw puzzle collection by swapping out your old ones for new-to-you puzzles!

Here's how it works: Turn in your puzzles at the Noblesville Library (Public Services reference desk) any time during business hours from Dec. 26 through Jan. 3 to receive a voucher for each donated puzzle so you will be ready to swap at the event! Please bring no more than 12 puzzles. If you cannot make it to the library before the swap, arrive 30-45 minutes before the swap to turn in up to six puzzles and receive your vouchers.

Puzzles must be:

- at least 250 pieces
- complete (not missing any pieces)
- in the original manufacturer's box
- in overall good condition (clean and dry)

Bring your vouchers to the swap and "shop" for puzzles using your vouchers. The best variety and selection of puzzles will be when the swap begins. Don't forget to bring a shopping bag or box to carry your "new" puzzles home with you!

### Puzzle Showdown\* | Adults & Teens

Sat. 1/4 | 11am-12:30pm | NOB

This is the event to chase away the winter boredom! Teams of four will race to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle in just 90 minutes. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams! Registration is required--we will have space for 16 teams. Be sure to register each person on your team. Individuals are welcome to register and will be assigned to a team on the day of the competition.

## Featured Programs

### ENL Conversation Group

Wednesdays | 11am-12pm | FIS

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

### FlexAbility

Tues. 12/3, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28 | 9:30-10:15am | NOB

FlexAbility is a fitness program which offers participants an opportunity to become more fit using stretching, relaxing, and restorative movements and poses, taught by a certified instructor. Please bring a mat and small towel. Participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability before class begins.

### The Monday Meetup

Mon. 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16 & 1/6 | 1:30-3pm | FIS

A time to gather, for grownups only! We will meet for a variety of activities throughout the library, including but not limited to playing games, making art, talking and sharing stories, and much more! Light refreshments will be served.

### Virtual Tai Chi with Kayle\*

Thu. 11/7, 11/21, 12/5, 12/19, 1/16 & 1/30 | 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.

### Real Estate Market Update

Sat. 11/9 | 2-3pm | FIS

Are you in the market to buy or sell your home, or do you just want to understand current real estate market dynamics? Join Megan Dusing, a local realtor, for a real estate market update that looks at national and local (Hamilton County and Fishers) data. Light refreshments will be served!

### The Write Stuff: A Virtual Adult Writers' Group\*

Mon. 11/11, 12/9 & 1/13 | 6:30-7:30pm | Virtual

Calling all wordsmiths! If you love to write or want to get started, join our monthly writer's group where we will discuss literary genres, practice with writing exercises, share our work for honest and friendly feedback, encourage and inspire each other, and more!

### Adult Virtual Craft Series\*

Thu. 11/14, 12/12 & 1/9 | 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! November - Mini Gift Boxes from Greeting Cards December - 3D Triskele Paper Globes January - Greeting Card Basket

### Kadampa Meditation Center Series\*

Mon. 11/25, 12/16 & 1/27 | 7-8pm | Virtual

Join us for a virtual monthly meditation series presented by Fred May with Kadampa Meditation Center Indianapolis. There will be two guided meditations along with a talk and Q&A.

November - Heal Your Life with Love

December - Living Lightly with the Holidays

January - Let Go of Bad Habits

### Community Blood Drive

Tue. 12/17 | 3-7pm | NOB

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

## AARP Tax Aide

Tax aide will be offered at the Noblesville branch by appointment only February to mid-April. Check the HEPL website for the most up-to-date information and to schedule an appointment.



### Preserving Your Bounty

Wed. 11/6 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

An introduction to the basics of saving your garden's flavors.

### Itching for Spring

Thu. 11/7 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Learn how to start preparing now for indoor seed propagation next spring.

### Houseplant Swap

Sun. 12/8 | 1-4pm | FIS

If you love houseplants and have plants or cuttings to share, please drop by our Houseplant Swap!

### Winter Gardening

Thu. 1/16 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Winter gardening is a great way to grow literally hundreds of perennials for almost no cost.



Supported by the Friends of the Hamilton East Public Library. All ages are welcome. Registration is requested.

### Belle Musique: Name That Tune!

Sat. 11/2 | 2-3pm | FIS

Belle Musique is the duo of Linda Picard (violin) and Naoko Wallace (piano). Join us to enjoy songs from movies, shows, and more!

### Circle City Ringers Holiday Concert

Sat. 12/7 | 1-2pm | FIS

The Circle City Ringers are an auditioned bronze-level community handbell ensemble. The musicians will play seasonal music on their traditional English handbells and hand chimes. It's the perfect music to ring in the season!



# Book Clubs

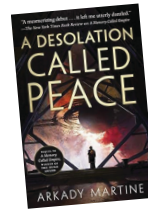
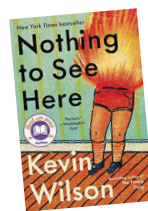
A variety of book clubs for adults. Registration required.

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

Tue. 12/3 | 2-3:30pm | NOB  
Mon. 12/30 | 2-3:30pm | FIS  
Thu. 1/16 | 10-11:30am | FIS

## Create a Presentation with Canva

Tue. 11/19 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

## Create a Resume

Mon. 1/13 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

## Introduction to Canva

Wed. 1/8 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

## Online Job Search Basics

Mon. 11/4 | 6-7:30pm | FIS  
Mon. 1/6 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

## Microsoft Excel Basics

Tue. 11/12 | 6-7:30pm | NOB  
Tue. 1/14 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

## Microsoft Excel: Beyond the Basics

Tue. 1/21 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

## Microsoft Word Basics

Mon. 11/11 | 2-3:30pm | FIS  
Mon. 1/27 | 2-3:30pm | FIS



## Tech Time: Drop-in Assistance with Devices and Library Apps (No registration required)

Fri. 11/8 | 10am-12pm | FIS  
Tue. 11/26 | 2-4pm | NOB  
Fri. 1/10 | 2-4pm | NOB  
Thu. 1/23 | 10am-12pm | FIS



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



# Crossroads Discovery Center

Indiana history and genealogy resources housed in Noblesville Library.

## How to Research Home Histories

Sat. 11/2 | 10-11:30am | NOB



Are you the owner of a historic home in Hamilton County or nearby? Have you ever wondered about the history of a particularly beautiful home in Noblesville? Come learn from CRDC staff what resources are available and where to begin with house history hunting in Noblesville and Hamilton County. Program is in partnership with the Noblesville Preservation Alliance.

## Writing About Your Roots

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

Ready to tell your family's story? Learn more about the process, starting with organizing your research, determining the scope and purpose, and questions to answer along the way. Teresa Amick, author of two family histories, will share her insights and tips to inspire and equip you to get writing!

## Genealogy Advisory Board

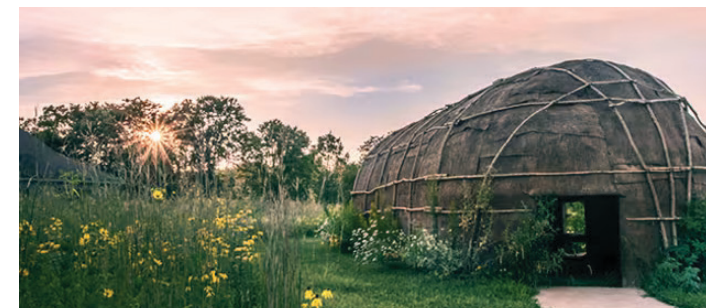
Thurs. 11/14 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Join CRDC staff and Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist, for this lively discussion of all things genealogy. Share your brick walls and biggest questions and help others with suggestions that have worked in your research.

## Prehistoric Native American Life

Thurs. 11/21 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Hamilton County has been occupied by humans for thousands of years, and we are still learning about how they lived. Come and hear how these first residents established communities in places like Strawtown and the evidence that they left behind.



## Dipping into the Archives: Primary Source Collections

Sat. 12/7 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Have you ever wondered what's in the Crossroads Discovery Center archives? Experience this show-and-tell and check out the first-hand sources for local history that are available in the library. From Funeral Home Records to Title Abstracts for homes to 19th century records from the mayor's office, many different types of records can be helpful for history or genealogy research.

## Organize Your Family Tree

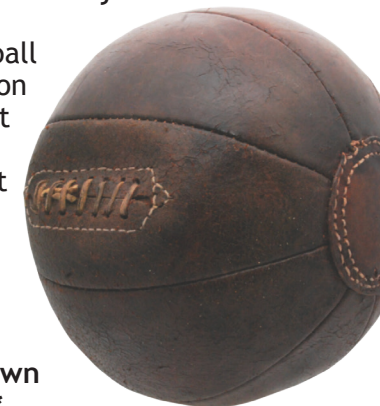
Mon. 1/13 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Wondering where to keep your family tree and research? CRDC staff will discuss some of the different software, FamilyTree Maker, RootsMagic, Ancestry.com, and other methods to use. Get recommendations on how to organize your research digitally and in print.

## Early "Basket Ball" in Hamilton County

Sun. 1/19 | 2-3pm | NOB

The first public game of basketball in Hamilton County was played on December 30, 1897. Learn about how the game was played outside of the schools and about the local semi-pro teams that barnstormed around central Indiana in the first half of the twentieth century.



## Unlocking Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries with DNA\*

Wed. 1/29 | 6:30-7:30pm | Virtual

Perhaps you were adopted, or your great-grandmother never revealed the name of the father of her first child. Kate Penney Howard, DNAngels Genetic Genealogist, will share methods for researching your DNA matches on Ancestry and other sites and how it intersects with traditional genealogy methods. Zoom link provided after registration.

*\*Please note:  
Registration required.*

REGISTER  
HERE:





# Ignite Studio

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



JOIN ARTISTS OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS  
IN A ONE-OF-A-KIND COMPETITION!

**NOBLESVILLECREATES.ORG**



Celebrate your love of comics at the 12th Annual **Comic Book in a Day** competition. Professional artists will be on hand to help guide and inspire competitors to complete their own original comic book from scratch. New this year, Noblesville Creates will have two age groups competing during different time frames as well as an online\* option prior to the actual competition. For more information, go to [noblesvillecreates.org/comicbookinaday/](https://noblesvillecreates.org/comicbookinaday/).

**Teens and Adults Competition: 9am-4pm | Youth (12 and under) Competition: 10am-2pm**  
**Awards Reception: Wed. 1/22 | 6:30-7:30pm | Ignite Studio**

\*Online option available for Adults & Teens on Friday, January 17 - inquire at [info@noblesvillecreates.org](mailto:info@noblesvillecreates.org)

## Workshops (Ages 8+)

**How to Start Your Comic Book\***  
**Thurs. 1/9 | 6:30-7:30pm | IGN**

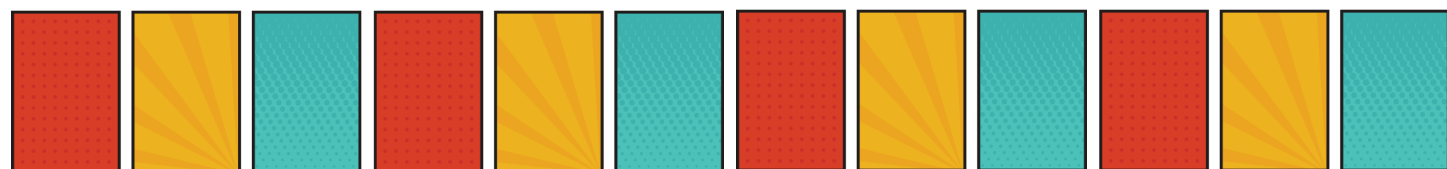
This workshop will help you develop your story in words and pictures, reviewing the basic building blocks of comic books.

**Great Comic Book Storytelling\***  
**Tues. 1/14 | 6:30-7:30pm | IGN**

If you are a fan of comics or are looking to make your own book, this workshop will explore aspects of what makes sequential art so great!

**Advanced Comic Books\***  
**Thurs. 1/16 | 6:30-7:30pm | IGN**

Our professional comic book artist will reveal tips and tricks to enhance your sequential art skills just in time for Comic Book in a Day or just for fun.



# Quick Start Sessions

Back by popular demand, **Quick Start Sessions** are short, instructional lessons on equipment in Ignite Studio that doesn't require certification but may require some operating knowledge. Learn the basics as a staff member demonstrates how to use equipment. Walk away with enough information to start your own project in the future!

**Cricut Machine Quick Start! \* | Ages 13+**  
**Wed. 11/13, 12/11 & 1/8 | 6-6:30pm | IGN**



Learn basic techniques to get you started on our Cricut Maker. This versatile cutting and drawing machine is fun to use in a variety of ways, from making

vinyl stickers and iron-ons to card making and cutting fabric appliques. Get acquainted with the Cricut Design Space software that the Cricut uses to process your designs.

**Sewing Machine Quick Start! \* | Ages 11+**  
**Thurs. 12/5 & 1/2 | 6-6:30pm | IGN**



Learn the basics of our Singer Sewing Machines including how to thread the machines, wind bobbins, and sew in a straight line. Those under 13 must attend with an adult.

**Embroidery Machine Quick Start! \* | Ages 16+**  
**Tues. 11/26 & 1/28 | 1:30-2pm | IGN**



Learn to use our Brother NQ100E embroidery machine - it's easier than you think! In this quick start session, learn how to thread the machine and change thread colors, choose a premade pattern, add stabilizer, and prepare your item for embroidery.

**Sublimation Quick Start!\* | Ages 16+**  
**Mon. 11/18, 12/16 & 1/20 | 6-6:30pm | IGN**



Learn to use our sublimation equipment in this quick start session in the Fab Lab. Discover the various items you can personalize, including mugs,

T-shirts, ornaments, and other items. Get acquainted with the necessary software and the various heat presses used in the process.

**Pro-Light Exposure Unit Quick Start! \* | Ages 13+**  
**Wed. 11/27 & 1/22 | 1:30-2pm | IGN**



Learn the basics of utilizing our Pro-Light Exposure Equipment to prepare a screen for printmaking. This is a quick start session designed to get patrons familiar with how to

prep silk screens with photo emulsion and how to use the Pro-Light Exposure Unit to transfer designs onto the screen with a transparency sheet.

**Photo Scanner Quick Start! \* | Ages 16+**  
**Wed. 12/4 | 1:30-2pm | IGN**



Learn to use our Epson FastFoto scanner in this quick start session. Our photo scanner can convert your old, printed photos into digitized images that can be stored and shared. Get acquainted with the

software and what you'll need to successfully scan and save treasured memories.

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# Made with love

Creating homemade holiday gifts adds a personal touch that store-bought presents can't replicate. Not only are they more thoughtful, but they also allow you to tailor your gift to the recipient's tastes and preferences. From personalized coffee mugs and baked goods (made with a customized cookie cutter of course) to hand-knitted hats or personalized photo albums, these gifts reflect the time, care, and creativity invested in them. Plus, making gifts by hand can often be more affordable and eco-friendly. Whether it's old family videos converted to DVD or a customized piece of art, handmade holiday gifts are a heartfelt way to show your love and appreciation. Visit the library this holiday season to create a gift made with love. Try out one of these 11 projects to get started!

- 1 Convert VHS to DVD**  
Surprise your parents or grandparents for the holidays and preserve irreplaceable memories with our media conversion lab in the Crossroads Discovery Center!



- 2 Make Your Own Wrapping Paper**  
Bring your own customized design in to the Crossroads Discovery Center to print wrapping paper on our large format printer.

- 3 Personalize a Mug**  
Create personalized mugs, cups, tumblers, shirts, magnets, and more using a sublimation printer in Ignite Studio.



- 4 Bind a Memory Book**  
Try your hand at a variety of book binding techniques in Ignite Studio or the Crossroads Discovery Center and share your creations with family at holiday gatherings.



- 5 Knit a Hat**  
Knit a hat for your loved ones to keep them warm all winter long using our Sentro knitting machine in the Ignite Studio.



- 6 Try Out Cross-Stitching**  
Use cross-stitching supplies in Ignite Studio's Embroidery Kit to create a beautiful pattern. Take it a step further by framing your design to be hung on the wall for years to come!



- 7 Use the Embroidery Machine**  
Personalizing a project using our embroidery machine in Ignite Studio will make your gift that much more meaningful.

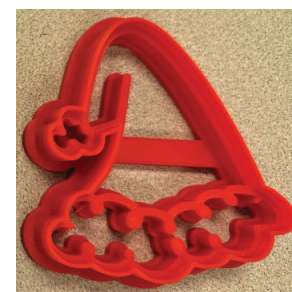
- 8 Customize With the Cricut**  
With a Cricut and a heat press, you can make creative, unique designs for t-shirts, totes, and more! In Ignite Studio, we have both pieces of equipment to bring your vision to life.



- 9 Make a Holiday Card**  
Make a holiday card for your neighbor with Ignite Studio's watercolor colored pencil kit.



- 10 Take a Holiday Family Photo**  
Take your own holiday photos in Ignite Studio's A/V Studio using the Panasonic Lumix GH4 camera.



- 11 3D Print a Cookie Cutter**  
Create customized cookie cutters using Ignite Studio's 3D printer to make your dessert tray stand out at holiday gatherings!





## 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

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## Fishers



## Library Closures

November 27 | Close at 6:00 for Thanksgiving

November 28 | Thanksgiving

December 24 | Christmas Eve

December 25 | Christmas

December 31 | Close at 6:00 for New Year's Eve

January 1 | New Year's Day

January 20 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day