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Discover Guide

The *Discover Guide* is a quarterly publication of the Hamilton East Public Library, providing info on library events, services, and resources.



Highlights

Winter Reading Program

From February 1 – 28, bundle up with a book in your favorite nook! Log pages, review books, and complete activities to earn a Bingo!

Seed Library

The 2025 HEPL Seed Library will open on March 3! Get 15 free packets of seeds to start your garden.

Local Author Fair

Join us for our annual Local Author Fair, a free open house-style event for all ages on Saturday, April 12.

Disability Awareness Month

March is Disability Awareness Month, and we've invited Irina Burke and Jason Wagner (cover), both members of the local Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, to share some valuable community resources with readers.

Community Spotlight



Fishers Parks Heart Hike

On February 8, take the Heart Hike at Ritchey Woods! During your short, self-led hike, look for images of hearts that Fishers Parks has placed along the walking trails.



Geist Half Marathon, 10K & 5K

The Geist Half Marathon, 10K & 5K returns for its 17th year on Saturday, September 13! Register now to run, walk, or volunteer at GeistHalf.com.



Fishers Steward Programs

Steward Programs volunteers provide trash cleanup, trail maintenance, and invasive species removal at parks and rain gardens around Fishers. Sign up to volunteer at VolunteerFishers.com.



Director's Message

Winter is the best time to curl up with a good book. Our Winter Reading Program is the perfect opportunity to visit the library to find a new book to enjoy! With Valentine's Day around the corner, I want to share a few of my favorite recent romance reads.

- *How to Plot a Payback* by Melissa Ferguson
- *Emma of 83rd Street* by Audrey Bellezza and Emily Harding
- *Just Haven't Met You Yet* by Sophie Cousens

Not looking for a romance novel? Never fear! The library has something for everyone, and I encourage you to come find a book to love.

Melissa Loiselle

Melissa Loiselle, Library Director

BUNDLE UP WITH BOOKS

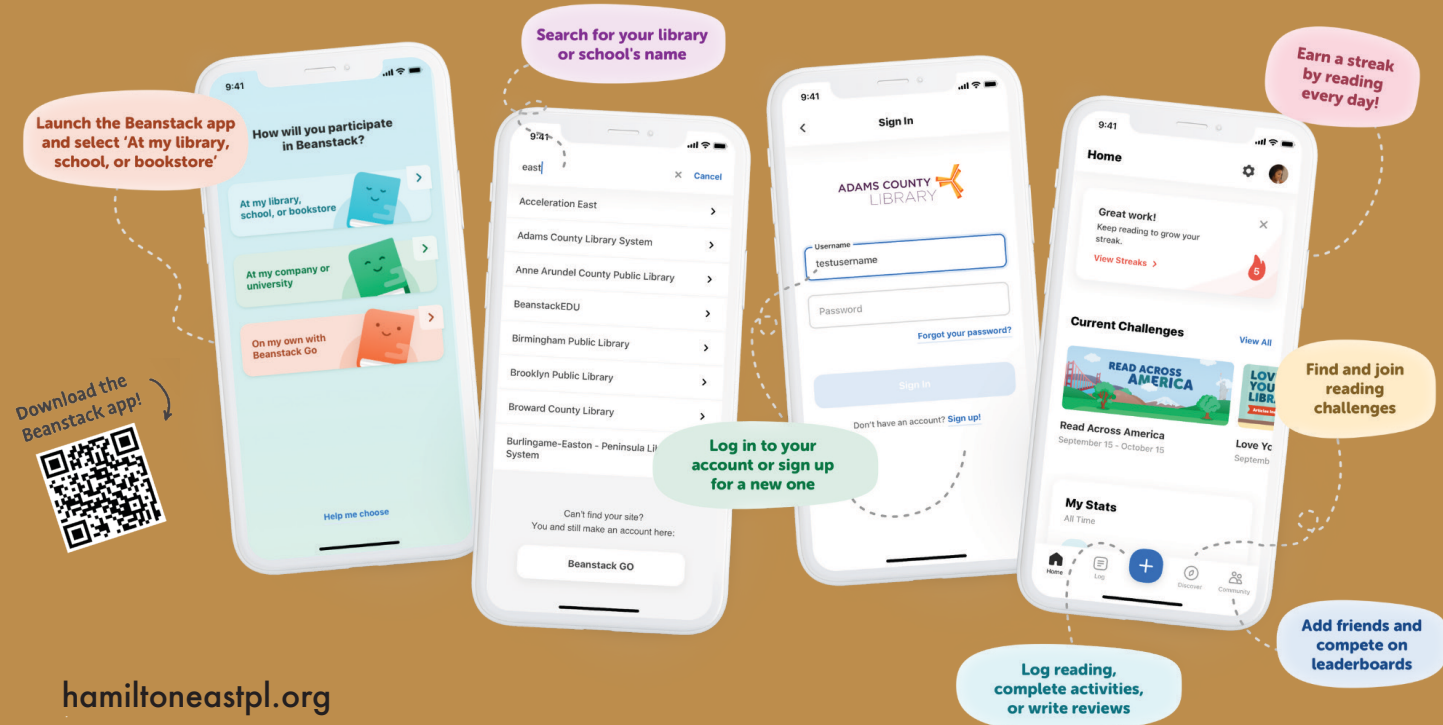
Reading Challenge

From February 1 – 28, bundle up with a book in your favorite nook! Log pages, review books, and complete activities to earn a Bingo!

E-tickets can be earned with every badge you complete and when you get a Bingo. E-tickets are your chance to win e-gift cards to a variety of retailers. Earn badges in a line (row, column, or diagonally) to unlock your Bingo badge!

Drawings will be held on March 4, and winners will be contacted via email or phone. TWO winners will be chosen randomly per gift card option.

Download the Beanstack app or check out our website to get started. Patrons with an existing Beanstack account can simply log in to join the challenge. Pre-registration for HEPL's Winter Reading Program starts on January 10.



SEED LIBRARY

Ready for another gardening season with the Seed Library? On February 10, select seed varieties will be available, such as peppers, tomatoes, and asters. These varieties should be started indoors several weeks prior to planting outside since they require extra growing time in warm temperatures. On **March 3**, all the seeds will be available for checkout.

In 2024, HEPL lent out more than 75,000 seed packets – our highest number ever! We also enjoyed working with the schools, sharing seeds with you at events, and working with community groups to beautify Fishers and Noblesville. If you'd like to partner with us or donate seeds to share, please reach out at seedlibrary@hamiltoneastpl.org.

We hope you enjoy the Seed Library collection and gardening programs this year! Learn more at hamiltoneastpl.org/seed-library.



LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR



@ FORUM EVENTS CENTER

FORUM EVENTS CENTER, 11313 USA PKWY, FISHERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM

HEPL is excited for the return of our annual Local Author Fair! Nearly 60 local authors and literary organizations from Fishers, Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield, Cicero, Indianapolis, and other Central Indiana areas will have exhibit space for the public to meet them and purchase their books. Authors will be available for book signings, and select authors will host storytimes or brief readings. There will be chances to win book bundles and other prizes for those who attend.

Hamilton County, and Indiana at large, has many gifted writers. The HEPL Local Author Fair provides a unique opportunity to engage directly with dozens of authors and literary organizations as you support local storytelling.

All ages are welcome to attend this open-house style event. Entry is FREE and registration is not required. Parking is free at the FORUM Events Center. Check the HEPL blog for full details.

Workshops

Sat. 4/12 | 9:30-11am | FISHERS LIBRARY
Registration required. Paper/pencils provided.

Creative Writing and Illustrating for Kids
with Professor Watermelon and Mister Smart

Writing Great Dialogue
with Michelle McGill-Vargas
Get Published, Not Scammed
with Myra Levine
Reasons to Write
with Dr. Leah "Riwo" Leach



Eight years after the premiere of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading challenge on Beanstack, we are refreshing the look and feel of this much beloved program. On Friday, **January 31**, the current challenge on Beanstack will sunset, and patrons can join the **NEW 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge**. This challenge will feature new graphics and stickers of animal characters that are all native to the state of Indiana.

If your child is already enrolled in the current challenge, we recommend jotting down how many books you have already read for the current challenge and entering that number when you join the new program. You should be able to find the number of "titles completed" under the "challenge log" in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program on Beanstack. Then, stop in at the library to pick up a new tracking sheet.

Once you enroll in the new program, you can continue to log your books as you read with your little one on your journey to read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Keep an eye on our social media, website and newsletter for a chance to help name our new Squirrel Mascot!



For Children & Families

Check the online events calendar for full event details at hepl.libnet.info/events. Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

Sunday Stories | Ages 2+

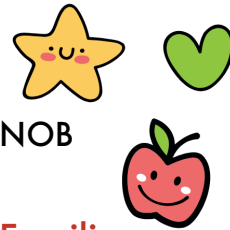
Sun. 2/2, 3/2, 4/27 | 2-2:45pm | NOB
Sun. 2/16, 3/16, 4/13 | 2-2:45pm | FIS

Pokémon Club* | Ages 6-11

Thu. 2/4, 3/4, 4/22 | 3-4pm | NOB
Wed. 2/26, 3/26, 4/23 | 6-7pm | FIS

Sticker Mania | Families

Wed. 2/5, 3/5, 4/2 | 3-4pm | NOB



Family LEGO Challenge* | Families

Wed. 2/5, 3/5, 4/2 | 4pm & 6pm | FIS
Tue. 2/18, 3/18, 4/15 | 4pm & 6pm | NOB

Full STEAM Ahead* | Ages 8-11

Wed. 2/12, 3/12, 4/9 | 3-4pm | NOB

Storytimes & Music Programs

Babytime | Ages 0-24 months

Wed. 9:30-10am | FIS
Wed. 10:30-11am | NOB

Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Tue. & Wed. 9:30-10am | NOB
Wed. 10:30-11am | FIS

Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Tue. 1-2pm | FIS
Thu. 1-2pm | NOB

Storytime | Toddlers-Preschoolers

Tue. 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am | FIS
Thu. 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am | NOB



Family Interactive Movie* | Families

Sun. 2/9 | 2-4pm | FIS | Inside Out 2
Sun. 3/9 | 2-4pm | FIS | The Wild Robot

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

Thu. 2/13, 3/13, 4/10 | 1-3pm | FIS

Breakpoint: Family Games & LEGOs | Ages 3+

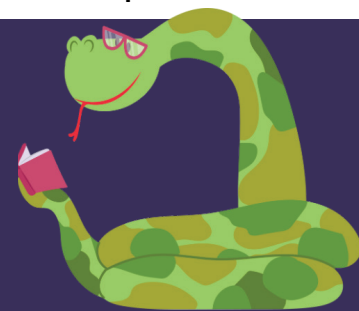
Mon. 2/17 | 1-3 pm | FIS
Tue. 4/8 | 3-5 pm | FIS

Cool Crafting Club* | Grades 1-5

Wed. 2/19, 3/19, 4/16 | 2-3pm & 6-7pm | NOB

Mad Scientists* | Ages 8-11

Wed. 2/19, 3/19, 4/16 | 6-7pm | FIS
Thu. 2/20, 3/20, 4/17 | 1:30-2:30 | FIS



*These weekly programs will take a break from March 3-14.

Book Clubs

Virtual Early Readers Book Club* | Grades K-3

Wed. 2/12, 3/12, 4/9 | 6-7pm | Virtual
Feb: *Amelia Bedelia Gets a Break* by Herman Parish | March: *Day of the Night Crawlers* by Troy Cummings | April: *Unicorn and Yeti: Razzle Dazzle* by Heather Ayris Burnell

Book Dragon Box* | Ages 8-12

Box Pickup Date: 4/1 | *Fireborn* by Aisling Fowler

Meet the Author: Varian Johnson



Tue. 3/11 | 6-7pm | FIS

Join us to hear from an award-winning author! Following the program, Varian will be available to sign books. LoudMouth Books will be onsite with a selection of books for purchase.

Family Karaoke* | Families

Wed. 3/5 | 6-7pm | NOB

Tech Take Apart* | Ages 6-11

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

Orchestra Storytime | 0-5

Fri. 3/28 | 10:30-11am | FIS

Fairy Gnome Homes* | Families with grades K & up

Sat. 4/5 | 10-11am & 11:15am-12:15pm | FIS



Jr Chef* | Grades 2-5

Thu. 2/20, 3/20, 4/17 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS

Board Game Alliance | Ages 6-18 | Homeschool Program

Tue. 2/25, 3/25, 4/29 | 10-11am | NOB

Gathering STEAM* | Ages 5-7

Wed. 2/26, 3/26, 4/23 | 3-4pm | NOB

Sensory Friendly Storytime* | Ages 0-7

Tue. 3/4 | 10:30-11:15am | FIS

Family Bingo | Families

Wed. 4/9 | 2-3pm | NOB

PAJAMA PARTY

Ages 0-7*

Thu. 4/10 | 7-7:30pm | FIS

Craftapalooza | Families

Thu. 4/10 | 2-3pm | NOB

For Teens

Check the online events calendar for full event details at hepl.libnet.info/events. Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

SAT Prep Course with Karen Bush*

Sat. 2/1 | 1-3pm | FIS

Teen Drop-In Craft

Mon. 2/3, 3/3, 4/7 |

4:30-5:30pm | NOB

Wed. 2/5, 3/5, 4/2 |

4:30-5:30pm | FIS

Feb: Kindness Rocks | March: Sticker by

Number | April: Blackout Poetry



Teen Homeschool Writing Club*

Tue. 2/4, 3/4, 4/1 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Feb: Flash Fiction | March: Free Write | April:

Point of View

BHM Indiana Quakers Escape Experience*

Tue. 2/4 | 6-7pm | FIS

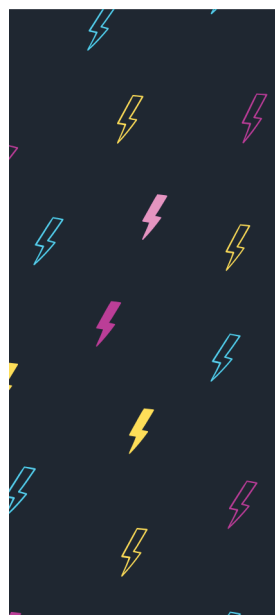
DAM Neurodivergent Teen Hangout: Game Night*

Thu. 2/6, 3/6, 4/3 | 6-7pm | NOB

Sun. 2/9, 3/9, 4/6 | 2-3pm | FIS

Feb & March: Game Night

| April: Spring Fest



Teen Parentine's Day*

Sat. 2/8 | 12-2pm | FIS

Mon. 2/17 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

Crafty Teens*

Mon. 2/10, 3/10, 4/14 | 5:30-7pm | NOB

Wed. 2/12, 3/12, 4/9 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

Feb: Fake Cake Boxes | March: Slime |

April: No Sew Poptart Pillows

Teen Homeschool Hangout

Thu. 2/13, 3/13, 4/10 | 1-3pm | FIS

Tue. 2/25, 3/25, 4/29 | 10-11am | NOB

BHM African American Read-In*

Sat. 2/22 | 10-11am | FIS | Kids & Middle School

Sat. 2/22 | 2-3:30pm | FIS | High School & Adult

WHM Amazing Hoosier Women Escape Experience*

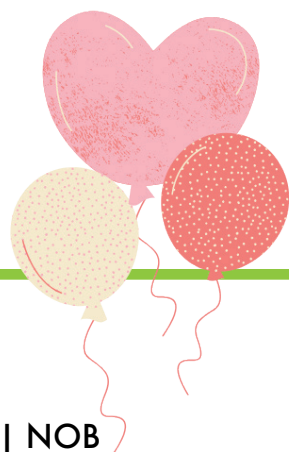
Tue. 3/4 | 6-7pm | FIS

Teen Writing Challenge

February 1-28

The theme is flash fiction, where every word is important and purposeful! Teens are challenged to write a complete story in only 1,000 words or less.

Winners receive a gift card and their story shared on our website!



Teen Video Game Club*

Mon. 2/24, 3/31, 4/28 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Wed. 2/26, 3/26, 4/23 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

March: VR

Teen Video Game Tournament*

Sat. 3/8 | 2-4pm | FIS

Sat. 3/29 | 2-4pm | NOB

Varian Johnson Author Visit*

Tue. 3/11 | 6-7pm | FIS



Need motivation to keep reading throughout the year? Join the 2025 Teen Reading Challenge on Beanstack! Read a different themed book of your choice each month to win vinyl stickers and get a special prize at the end of the year for completing every month of the year. Find more information on our website at hamiltoneastpl.org/reading-programs.

Clue Collector Club: Murder at the Talent Show*

Fri. 4/4 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Teen Gourmet: Quesadillas*

Tue. 4/8 | 12-1:30pm | FIS

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



Teen Anime Club*

Tue. 4/8 | 2-4pm | NOB

Fri. 4/11 | 2-4pm | FIS



How to Use the Library for Homeschool*

Thurs. 4/17 | 2-3pm | NOB

For Teen & Adults

Gamers Guild*

Sun. 2/9, 3/9, 4/6 | 1-5pm | NOB

Understanding Indiana's New High School Diploma Requirements with Karen Bush*

Tue. 2/11 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

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

Wed. 2/12 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

DAM Disability Services and Allyship with Easterseals Crossroads*

Mon. 3/3 | 6-7pm | NOB

Life Skills: Pet Care with the Hamilton County Humane Society*

Mon. 3/17 | 6-7pm | NOB

VR Open House

Tue. 4/1 | 5:30-7:30pm | FIS

Cool Careers: Nonprofit Vice President*

Mon. 4/21 | 6-7pm | FIS



For Adults



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Virtual Tai Chi with Kayle*

Mon. 2/3, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21 | 9:30-10:15am | Virtual

Turning 65 in '25? - Medicare 101*

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

Feel-Good Friday Chair Yoga*

Fri. 2/7, 3/14, 4/4 | 2-2:45pm | FIS

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

Wed. 2/12 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

BHM Jubilee: A Book Study & Celebration of African American Cooking*

Sat. 2/15 | 3-4:30pm | NOB

BHM African-American Read-In: High School & Adult Edition

Sat. 2/22 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Community Blood Drive

Fri. 2/12 | 2:30-6:45pm | FIS
Thu. 4/10 | 2:30-6:45pm | NOB



Microsoft Excel: Beyond the Basics*

Tue. 4/22 | 6-7:45pm | NOB

Microsoft Word: Beyond the Basics*

Thu. 3/6 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Intro to Graphic Design using Canva*

Mon. 2/17 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Tech Time: Drop-in Assistance with Devices and Library Apps

Tue. 2/27 | 2-4pm | NOB
Mon. 3/24 | 2-4pm | FIS
Tue. 4/22 | 10am-12pm | NOB

Book Talk*

Wed. 3/5, 4/2 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

DAM Autism Family Support Waiver Workshop*

Sat. 3/15 | 3-4pm | NOB & Virtual

DAM Preparing for Adulthood on the Spectrum*

Tue. 3/18 | 7-8pm | Virtual

Wildflowers: A Gardening Workshop*

Thu. 3/20 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Online Job Search Basics*

Mon. 3/24 | 6-7:30pm | NOB
Wed. 4/16 | 10-11:30am | FIS

Apply Now

WHM Women's History Month Celebration with Gal's Guide Library*

Tue. 3/25 | 6-7pm | NOB

DAM Notes on Blindness: A Virtual Reality Experience*

Thu. 3/27 | 5:30-6:15pm & 6:30-7:15pm | FIS

Whipping Up a Strong Loan Request: Your Recipe for Financial Success*

Tue. 4/15 | 6-7pm | NOB

Create a Business Plan Using the Business Model Canvas (A SCORE Workshop)

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

Book Clubs

Visit hamiltoneastpl.org/lets-read for meeting locations and book selections.

Books on Tap

Wed. 2/26, 3/26, 4/23 | 6:30-7:30pm

Fiction Fans

Thu. 2/13, 3/13, 4/10 | 6:30-7:30pm

Mystery Loves Company

Wed. 2/19, 3/19, 4/16 | 6:30-7:30pm

On the Same Page

Tue. 2/11, 3/11, 4/8 | 7-8pm

Paging Through Time

Wed. 2/26, 3/26, 4/23 | 2-3pm

NEW! Read Around the World

Mon. 2/3, 3/3, 4/7 | 6:30-7:30pm

Speculative Fiction Guild

Mon. 2/10, 3/10, 4/14 | 6:30-7:30pm

True Brew Nonfiction

Mon. 2/22, 3/23, 4/21 | 7-8:30pm

Acing the Interview*

Wed. 4/16 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

International Film Festival: A 3- Film Series

Sat. 4/26, 5/3, 5/10 | 3:30-5:30pm | FIS

Computer Classes

Computer Basics*

Tue. 3/11 | 10-11:30am | FIS
Wed. 4/30 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Create a Resume*

Mon. 3/31 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

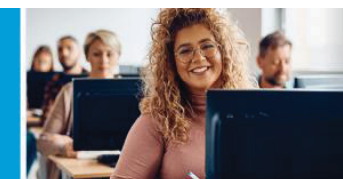
Microsoft Excel Basics*

Tue. 2/25 | 2-3:30pm | FIS
Mon. 4/21 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Microsoft Word Basics*

Thu. 2/6 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Free digital literacy workshops at your library.



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Crossroads Discovery Center

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Genealogy Advisory Board (G.A.B.)

Thu. 2/6, 3/6, 4/3 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Join CRDC staff and Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist, for this lively discussion of all things genealogy.

BHM The History and Legacy of Roberts Settlement*

Sat. 2/1 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Learn about the Roberts Settlement, an African American pioneer farm settlement founded in 1835 right here in Hamilton County!

Beginner's Guide to Genetic Genealogy*

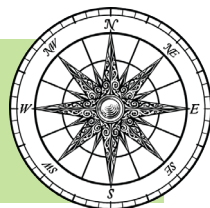
Mon. 2/10 | 6:30-7:30pm | Virtual

Katharine Korte Andrew will speak on the value that DNA test kits can bring, the different tests available, and how to use the results in your research.

Traveling in Time: Using and Reading Maps in Genealogy*

Sat. 2/22 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Join CRDC staff in learning techniques to read older maps, how to apply it to your genealogy research, and what modern maps can tell you. Especially helpful for U.S. based research.



Traveling in Time: Migration Methods Through History*

Sat. 3/15 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Learn how (and why) people moved and the influence geography had on the routes and means of travel.

Grandma Said She Was from Poznań: An Introduction to Polish Genealogy*

Wed. 3/19 | 6:30-7:30pm | Virtual

Julie Szczepankiewicz will share research strategies and resources to uncover Polish ancestors.

Cite Right! Using Citations in Your Genealogy Research*

Sat. 4/5 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Learn why citing sources is important and the best practices to meet your research goals.



Discover More: FamilySearch*

Wed. 4/16 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Trudy Fogg, from Fishers Indiana FamilySearch Center, will help us get the most from our searches in the records found on FamilySearch.org.

Discover More: Ancestry.com Library Edition*

Wed. 4/30 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Learn what can be found at Ancestry.com and then discover some tips and tricks to go beyond a simple name search.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

EXPLORE. DISCOVER. WIN.
APRIL 6-12, 2025

National Library Week is a celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Every year, we look forward to connecting with our patrons in meaningful ways. In celebration, we're activating a scavenger hunt that will inspire you to explore the library, discover hidden gems, and find clues for a chance to win some exciting prizes. Bring your curiosity—fun awaits for all ages!

We're also excited to announce the launch of our Foundation, and new to this year's National Library Week is our first-ever "Giving Day". This special campaign celebrates the vital role our library plays in fostering knowledge, creativity, and connection for all. Stay tuned for updates, special events, and opportunities to show your love for the library.



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Ignite Studio

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Abstract Fabric Collage*
Mon. 2/24 | 6-7:30pm | IGN
Sat. 3/1 | 11am-12:30pm | IGN



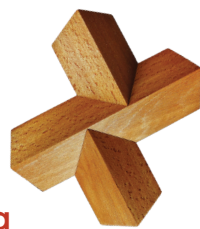
Abstract Art Field Trip for Adults at Newfields*
Wed. 2/26 | 11am-12:30pm | IGN

DAM Unbound by Limits with Teaching Artist Johnson Simon*
Sat. 3/8 | 11am-12:30pm & 2-3:30pm | IGN



Spring Break Art Lab: Repeating Patterns by Hand*
Wed. 4/9 | 1-3pm | IGN

Repetition, Rhythm, Radiant Designs: Working with Wood Weirdly with Teaching Artist Craig Helming*



Sat. 4/26 | 11-12:30pm & 2-3:30pm | IGN

Fix-It Clinic*
Sat. 2/15 | 10am-12pm | FIS



Homeschool Field Trips*
Thu. 2/20, 3/20 | 10:30-11:30am | IGN

Sent with Love: Victorian Puzzle Purses*
Wed. 2/5 | 6-7pm | IGN
Sat. 3/15 | 10-11am | IGN

Art Lab: Abstract Explorations with Fiber*
Sat. 3/22 | 11am-12:30pm | IGN
Thu. 4/24 | 6-7:30pm | IGN



Film Showing and Q&A: Dirty Laundry*

Thu. 2/13 | 6-8pm | IGN
Meet the Noblesville-based writer and filmmaker, Rocky Walls, cinematographer Grant Michael, and composer Eric Salazar for the movie *Dirty Laundry* (PG-13) which premiered at Heartland Film Festival in 2024 and won an Audience Choice Award. Watch the movie and then stay for the Q&A session. All viewers will receive a packet of home-made laundry detergent!

Fishers Make-Off

Saturday, 3/29 | 9am-4pm | IGN

Showcasing the variety of wonderful, artful things a person can create in our makerspace, Ignite Studio will host its second annual Make-Off!

Selected artists will compete to make an original piece of art related to Ignite equipment, kits, or other in-house materials to highlight the creative possibilities involved in making.

Artists will be given 6 hours to complete a work of art which will culminate in the awarding of monetary prizes. Patrons will be able to watch the process of creating art, take part in hands-on activities, and participate in a patron art challenge.

This year's theme is abstract art: using the building blocks of art. Make your way to Ignite for an exciting and fun day!

Not an official Make-Off Artist? Here's what we have in store for you!

- First 50 patrons receive art kits!
- Make your own abstract prints to display.
- Weave a 'square' in our community tapestry.
- Design a cover for a personal notebook to take home.
- Follow along to a Creativebug video with provided supplies.
- Register to participate in our public Maker Challenge (Ages 8+): Use personal imagery to make a pattern!

Get all the details on the HEPL blog!

Drop-Ins

Step-by-step directions will be provided for these self-guided activities. Materials available in Ignite while supplies last. Ages 5+

- **Three Line Landscapes** (1/27 - 2/9)
- BHM** • **Alma Thomas Inspired Color Mosaics** (2/10 - 2/23)
- **Layered Linework** (2/24 - 3/9)
- **Embossing on Abstract Shapes** (3/10 - 3/23)
- WHM** • **Textural Embroidery** (3/24 - 4/6)
- **Polygon Pears** (4/7 - 4/20)
- **Fun with Form: Still Life Drawing** (4/21 - 5/4)

Celebrating Deaf Awareness

Key Resources and Advocacy for a More Inclusive World

Every March, Disability Awareness Month serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of inclusivity, accessibility, and understanding. We've invited Irina Burke and Jason Wagner, both members of the local Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, to share their perspective.

Irina moved to the U.S. from Ukraine at the age of seven. Jason was born Deaf and grew up in New York City. We both attended the Rochester Institute of Technology and call the beautiful town of Fishers home.



We share the same passion: promoting resources for the Deaf Community and those who wish to learn more about Deaf culture.

Disability Awareness Month is an important time for the community to reflect on the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and to celebrate their achievements and contributions in all aspects of society.

By sharing knowledge, advocating for resources, and promoting inclusive practices, we believe we can create a world where Deaf individuals thrive without barriers to communication or opportunity.

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

City of Fishers Kick-Off Event
Mon. 3/3 | 8:30am
Fishers Municipal Center

Fishers Arts Council Second Friday Arts Reception
Fri. 3/14 | 6-8pm
Fishers Municipal Center

Some of the valuable resources available to the Deaf community include:

Library Services: Many public libraries offer collections of books in sign language, Deaf culture-related literature, and ASL storytime programs for children.

American Sign Language (ASL) Classes: Picking it up isn't just about communication—it's also a great way to connect with and appreciate the Deaf community and its unique culture.

Deaf Advocacy Groups: State organizations like the Indiana Association of the Deaf (IAD) provide legal advocacy, educational materials, and awareness campaigns.

Deaf Community Events: Deaf Awareness Weeks, cultural festivals, and Deaf expos allow people to connect, share experiences, and celebrate the rich culture of the Deaf community.

Captioning and Assistive Technologies: These critical tools ensure that Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals have equal access to information.

Black History Month

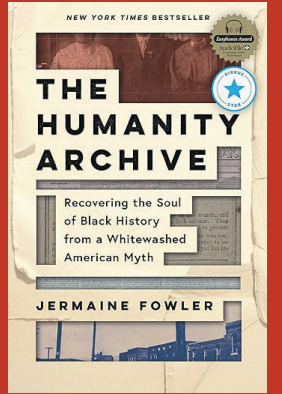
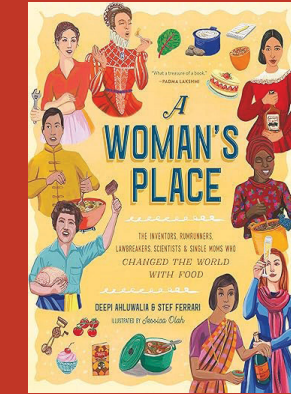
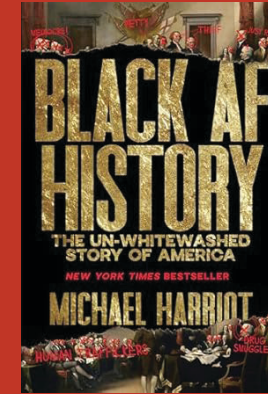
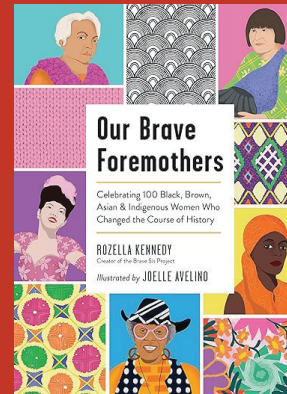
Jubilee: A Book Study & Celebration of African American Cooking

Sat. 2/15 | 3-4:30pm | NOB

Join us for a special book study in celebration of Black History Month. Beginning January 15, stop by the Noblesville Branch to pick up a book study copy of Toni Tipton-Martin's award-winning cookbook *Jubilee: Recipes from Two Centuries of African American Cooking*, while supplies last. Read the stories and explore the recipes in the cookbook to prepare for an afternoon of discussion, joy, and celebration through food on February 15, in partnership with the Noblesville Diversity Coalition. Registration required.



Staff Picks



Women's History Month

Women's History Month Celebration with Gal's Guide Library

Tue. 3/25 | 6-7pm | NOB

Gal's Guide Library returns to host a special Women's History Month celebration. Learn about amazing women of history in an exciting and interactive way. Registration encouraged. For adults and teens (grades 6-12).

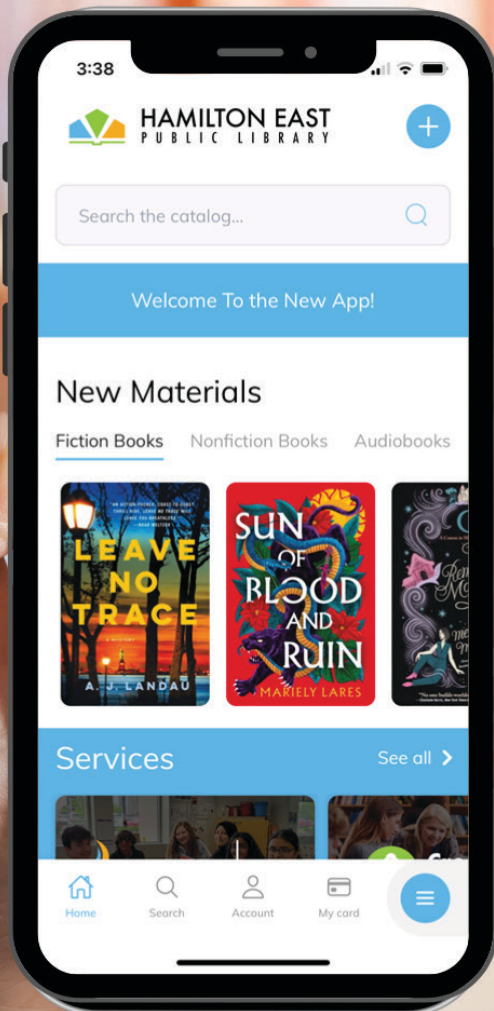


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