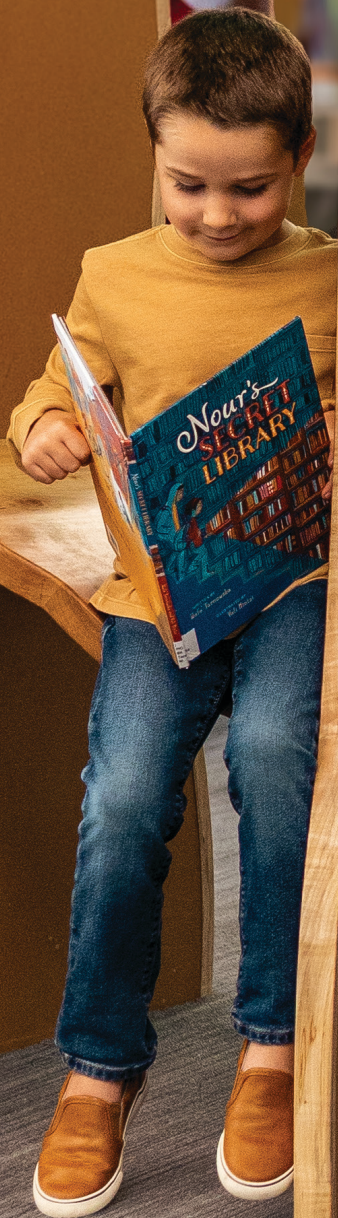


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Discover Guide

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



Highlights

Library Card Sign-Up Month
Join us in celebrating all the ways the library empowers discovery, creativity, connection, and more during Library Card Sign-Up Month this September. Show your library card at participating local businesses between September 1-30 to get a special deal.

Welcoming Week
During Welcoming Week, we will celebrate our vibrant, multicultural community and the ways we put our mission, vision, and guiding principles into practice year-round.

Family History Day
Enjoy an afternoon of classes and networking with fellow genealogists! Professional genealogists and archivists will present programs for family history researchers at all levels. Door prizes and giveaways will go home with some lucky winners.

Ignite Studio’s Fall Maker-in-Residence
From September - December, meet Matt DeLoughery, artist, educator, and advocate, who blends traditional materials with emerging technologies to explore themes of identity, futurism, and both individual and community voice.

Community Spotlight



Geist Half Marathon, 10K & 5K
Sat. 9/13 | 7:30-11 a.m. | 113th & Olio Rd.
Don’t miss your chance to experience the beauty of Geist Reservoir! Family & walker friendly. Register now at GeistHalf.com.



Fishers Community Center: Charter & Dog Park Memberships Now on Sale!
Unlock exclusive perks as a charter member! Visit FishersCommunityCenter.com to learn more and register for memberships.



Fishers AgriPark Now Open Year-Round!
The 33-acre urban farm features free u-pick opportunities, animal encounters, a play space, special programming, and more. Learn more at FishersAgriPark.com.



Director’s Message

As the leaves begin to turn, we’re excited to welcome you to a vibrant fall season at the library!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! There’s no better time to sign up for or renew your library card and take advantage of our “Show Your Library Card and Save” campaign, offering local deals all month long.

We’re also proud to celebrate Welcoming Week, recognizing the strength and richness of our diverse community.

We look forward to our second annual Family History Day in the Crossroads Discovery Center and welcoming the Ignite Studio’s fall Maker-in-Residence.

Whether you’re exploring new programs and services or discovering books, your library card opens the door to endless possibilities. Thank you for being a part of our library community!

Melissa Loiselle
Melissa Loiselle, Library Director

September Library Card SIGN-UP month

MY LIBRARY STORY STARTS HERE

Library Card Sign-Up Month Returns This September!

Join us in celebrating all the ways the library empowers discovery, creativity, connection, and more during Library Card Sign-Up Month this September. This year's theme, "My Library Story Starts Here," shines a spotlight on the many nontraditional services available at the Hamilton East Public Library — from creative tools and business resources to tech access and spaces for play.

Throughout the month, we'll be sharing real stories from our community through videos, photos, and testimonials. Whether the library helped spark a new passion, launch a big idea, or simply provided a welcoming place to belong, these stories illustrate just how meaningful a library card can be.

Follow along and be inspired — and if you haven't already, now is the perfect time to sign up for your own library card and start your library story.

Have a story to share? We'd love to hear it! Tag us on social media @HamiltonEastPL or email us at communications@hamiltoneastpl.org.



Show Your Card And Save!

Back by popular demand, our Show Your Card and Save campaign returns this September! Sign up for or renew your library card at the Fishers or Noblesville branch, then enjoy special discounts at participating local businesses all month long — from September 1 through 30 — just by showing your library card.

It's our way of celebrating the power of a library card — and supporting our local community at the same time.

See the full list of participating businesses and discounts at hamiltoneastpl.org starting September 1st!



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Show Your LIBRARY CARD *and Save!*

2025 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Align Pilates Indy

\$5 off any purchase, includes merchandise & classes

Angelo's Italian Market

10% off purchase

Another Broken Egg Fishers

Buy One Entrée Get One Free

Apex Taekwondo Center

8 weeks for \$49.95, uniform included

Big Blue Swim School

20% off first month of swim lessons

Fishers Mathnasium

\$100 off your first month (new enrollments only)

Handel's Homemade Ice Cream Fishers & Noblesville

10% off purchase

Kiln Creations

20% off 1 piece per person per visit

Kilwins Ice Cream

Buy One Get One Waffle Cone

KruFit

Get 1 week of beginner-friendly Muay Thai or Brazilian Jiu Jitsu training (up to 3 classes); Sign up within the week and get \$25 off your first month

LeMacaron French Pastries of Fishers

Weekly surprise deal

Nickel Plate Express

10% off discount on gift shop items

Parks Place Pub

Free appetizer with purchase of a meal

Penn & Beech Candle Co.

\$5 off your purchase

Taylor's Bakery Fishers

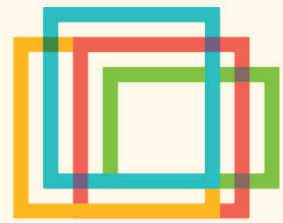
BOGO free donut or cookie

Ultimate Ninjas

\$50 off a birthday party booking

Urban Air

10% off a regular full-price ticket (not able to be combined with other offers or promotions)



WELCOMING WEEK

September 12–21, 2025

WHAT IS WELCOMING WEEK?

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 programming, guest blogs, and more during Welcoming Week. Be sure to check our events calendar and blog for more details and more featured events!

welcomingweek.org



FEATURED EVENT:

Dance Around the World: A Global Dance Showcase in Celebration of Welcoming Week

Saturday, September 20 | 1 - 3pm | Fishers Library
All Ages | Registration Required

Discover the global language of dance at this free event! All ages are welcome. You'll enjoy West African, Indian, Latvian, and Mexican folk performances from local dance groups. Register at hepl.libnet.info/event/13891585.

Enjoy an afternoon of dance at the library, featuring:

- libada Dance Company
- Jautrais Pāris
- Indy Bollywood
- Ballet Folklorico Mosaicos



Family HISTORY DAY GENEALOGY CONFERENCE



Saturday, October 11 | 12:30pm - 4:30pm | Noblesville Library | Free - Registration required

Enjoy an afternoon of classes and networking with fellow genealogists! Professional genealogists and archivists will present programs for family history researchers at all levels on forensic genealogy, military records, Indiana archives, and more. 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.

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM - Check-in begins

1:00 PM - Our keynote speaker, Suzanne Hoffman, "The Genealogy Maven", will speak about her career as a forensic genealogist.

2:00 PM - Choose a session:

Genealogy Resources at the Indiana State Archives presented by Vicki Casteel

Join Vicki Casteel, Director of Patron Services at the Indiana State Archives and Record Administration, for an overview of the collections genealogists love, as well as records one might not think of as family history treasures. We'll discuss the Research Indiana Index, partnerships with Family Search and Ancestry, and how to request and access records.

Early American Military Research presented by Theresa Green

Theresa Green, Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution State Registrar, will showcase ways to research military veterans from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Learn the types of genealogical information found in pension records and how to request them. Build a mini-timeline on a veteran and cite your sources to keep organized.

3:00 PM - Break

Visit with the representatives from local historical and genealogical groups, including the Hamilton County Historical Society, Noblesville Preservation Alliance, and lineage societies. Snacks and door prize drawings.

3:30 PM - Choose a session:

Help! I Don't Speak the Language! Tips & Tricks of Deciphering Foreign Language Documents presented by Katherine Schober

Learn the must-know tips and tricks that will make reading those foreign-language genealogical records much easier. From Microsoft Word hacks to invaluable online resources, discover the tools you need to make translating those foreign records much simpler – and much more fun. This speaker will present virtually, and attendees will watch in-person.

Dealing with Death Records presented by Jessica Layman

Cemeteries, funeral homes, death certificates, and more will be covered in this program all about records related to death. Learn where to look and how to interpret these records when searching for your ancestors.

For Children & Families

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

Read to a Therapy Dog – Love on a Leash | Ages 5 & up

Sat. 8/2, 9/6, 10/4 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Sat. 8/9, 9/13, 10/11 | 11am-12pm | FIS

POP! The Indianapolis Children’s Choir’s Preschool

Outreach Program* | Ages 3-5

Mon. 8/4 | 9:30-10:30am | FIS



YES! Indianapolis Children’s Choir Young Exceptional Singers* | Grades 1-3

Mon. 8/4 | 10:30-11:30am | FIS

Minecraft IRL* | Ages 8-11

Tue. 8/5 | 6-7pm | FIS

Sticker Mania | Families

Wed. 8/6, 9/3, 10/1 | 3-4pm | NOB

Family LEGO Challenge* | Families

Wed. 8/6, 9/3, 10/1 | 4pm & 6pm | FIS

Thu. 8/14, 9/11, 10/9 | 4pm & 6pm | NOB

The Whisk Kids* | Ages 6-11 & their Families

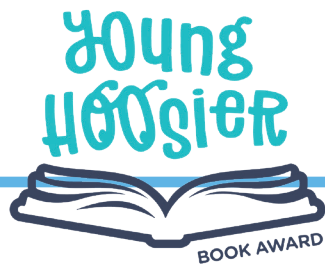
Sun. 8/10, 9/21, 10/19 | 2-3pm | NOB

Full STEAM Ahead* | Ages 8-11

Wed. 8/13, 9/10, 10/23 | 3-4pm | NOB

Hexbot Mania* | Ages 8-11

Tue. 8/19 | 6-7pm | FIS



Young Hoosier

Award Homeschool Book Club*

Ages 8-11 (see online events calendar for details)

Tue. 8/19, 9/23, 10/21 | 2-3pm | NOB

Cool Crafting Club* | Grades 1-5

Wed. 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 | 2-3pm & 6-7pm | NOB

Mad Scientists* | Ages 8-11

Wed. 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 | 6-7pm | FIS

Thu. 8/21, 9/18, 10/16 | 1:30-2:30 | FIS | Homeschool

Pokémon Club* | Ages 6-11

Thu. 8/21, 9/18, 10/16 | 3-4pm | NOB

Wed. 8/27, 9/24, 10/29 | 6-7pm | FIS

Board Game Alliance | Ages 6-18 | Homeschool

Tue. 8/26, 9/30, 10/28 | 10-11am | NOB

Thu. 9/11 & 10/9 | 1-3pm | FIS

Gathering STEAM* | Ages 5-7

Wed. 8/27, 9/24, 10/22 | 3-4pm | NOB

Aloha Adventure with Lilo and Stitch* | Ages 7-11

Tue. 9/2 | 6-7pm | FIS

Up 2 STEAM* | Grades K-2

Thu. 9/4 | 3:30-4:30pm | FIS

Royal Tea Party | Families

Fri. 9/5 | 3:30-4:30 | NOB



Wonderlab* | Ages 3-7

Sat. 9/6 | 11am-12pm | NOB & Wed. 10/8 | 2-3pm | FIS

Early Readers Book Club* | Grades K-3

Wed. 9/10 | 6-7pm | *Time for the Vet, Snoopy!* by Charles Schulz | Hybrid: In Person & Virtual

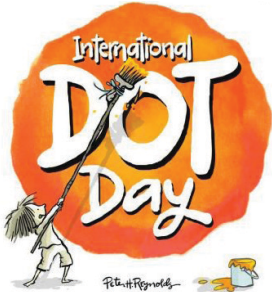
Wed. 10/8 | 6-7pm | *The Fix-Its Power Up with Power Drill* by Sarah Lynne Reul | Hybrid: In Person & Virtual

Simon Says Code* | Ages 8-11

Tue. 9/16 | 6-7pm | FIS

Dot Day | Families

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



Nerf Wars* | Ages 6-11

Sun. 9/21 | 1:30-2:30pm | FIS

Breakpoint | Ages 3-12

Mon. 10/13 | 2:30-4:30 | FIS

Family Bingo | Families

Tue. 10/14 | 1-2pm | NOB

Tech Take Apart* | Ages 6-11

Tue. 10/14 | 2-3pm | NOB

Family Costume Karaoke | Families

Thu. 10/16 | 2-3pm | NOB

Coco Interactive Movie * | Families

Sun. 10/19 | 2-4pm | FIS



Mermaid Shell-ebration* | Grades 2-5

Tue. 10/21 | 3-4pm | FIS

Mon. 10/27 | 3:30-4:30pm | NOB

Monster Bash | Families

Thu. 10/30 | 3-4pm | NOB

Day of the Dead Story Celebration* | Families

Fri. 10/31 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Storytimes & Music Programs

Noblesville Branch

Storytime | Ages 2-5

Mon. Aug. 18, 25; Sep. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 27 | 10:30-11am

Thur. Aug. 21, 28; Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 30 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am

Babytime | Ages 0-2

Mon. Aug. 18, 25; Sep. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 27 | 9:30-10am

Wed. Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 29 | 10:30-11am

Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Tue. Aug. 19, 26; Sep. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 28 | 9:30-10am

Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Thu. Aug. 21, 28; Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 30 | 1-2pm

NEW! Boogie Woogie Weekend | Ages 0-5

Sat. Aug. 23, Sep. 20, Oct. 18 | 11-11:30am

Sunday Stories | Ages 2 and up

Sun. Aug. 17, Sep. 14, Oct. 12 | 2-2:30pm



Fishers Branch

Storytime | Ages 2-5

Mon. Aug. 18, 25; Sep. 8, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 27 | 9:30-10am

Tue. Aug. 19, 26; Sep. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 28 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am

Thu. Aug. 21, 28; Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 30 | 10:30-11am

Babytime | Ages 0-2

Wed. Aug. 20, 27; Sep. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 29 | 9:30-10am

Thu. Aug. 21, 28; Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 30 | 9:30-10am

Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Mon. Aug. 18, 25; Sep. 8, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 27 | 10:30-11am

Wed. Aug. 20, 27; Sep. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 29 | 10:30-11am

Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Tue. Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 28 | 1-2pm

Sunday Stories | Ages 2 and up

Sun. Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 | 2-2:30pm

For Teens

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

Outdoor Games Club*

Mon. 8/4, 9/8, 10/6 | 5-6pm | FIS

Life Skills: Laundry*

Tue. 8/5 | 6-7pm | NOB

Tue. 8/19 | 6-7pm | FIS

Neurodivergent Teen Hangout*

Thu. 8/7, 9/4, 10/2 | 6-7pm | NOB

Thu. 8/28, 9/25, 10/23 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS

Aug & Oct: Game Night | Sep: Fall Fest



Teen Writing Challenge Workshop*

Sat. 8/9 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Crafty Teens*

Tue. 8/12, 9/9, 10/14 | 5:30-6:30pm | NOB

Wed. 8/13, 9/10, 10/8 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS

Aug: Paracord bracelets | Sep: Crochet |

Oct: Spooky String Art

Teen Video Game Club*

Wed. 8/26 & 9/30 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Wed. 8/27, 9/24, 10/22 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Thu. 10/23 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Sep: VR



Teen Video Game Tournament*

Sat. 9/20 | 3-5pm | FIS | Tricky Towers, Mario Kart &

Gang Beasts

Sat. 10/18 | 2-4pm | NOB | Fortnite

After Hours Laser Tag Party*

Fri. 10/10 | 5:45-7:30pm | FIS

Teen Gourmet: Mini Pies*

Mon. 10/13 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Thu. 10/16 | 2-3:30pm | NOB



Teen Fright Night*

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

Wed. 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, and watch a spooky movie on the big screen.

For Teens & Adults

Create a Resume*

Wed. 8/13 | 10-11:30am | FIS

Thu. 10/16 | 2-3:30pm | NOB



SAT Prep Course with Karen Bush*

Sat. 8/16 | 1-3pm | NOB

Sat. 8/23 | 1-3pm | FIS

Get a crash course on everything you need to prepare for the SAT! Karen Bush will explain all the details with tips on how to maximize free resources to get your best results.

Acing the Interview*

Mon. 8/18 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Gamers Guild*

Sun. 8/24, 9/21 & 10/19 | 1-5pm | NOB

Edible Gardening Basics*

Thu. 8/28 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

American Sign Language (ASL) for Beginners*

Mon. 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Online Job Search Basics*

Mon. 9/15 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Dance Around the World*

Sat. 9/20 | 1-3pm | FIS

The Beginner's Guide to Foraging – Learn to Forage Safely and Sustainably*

Thu. 10/2 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Haunted Hamilton County – Ghosts of Indiana and Beyond: An Evening with Unseen Press*

Thu. 10/16 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Jane Austen Game Day*

Sat. 10/18 | 2-4pm | FIS



Cool Careers: Sports Media Production*

Tue. 10/21 | 6-7pm | NOB

Interested in combining a love of sports with video

production? Alex Kartman will demonstrate how there isn't just one path to working in sports.

Teen Writing Challenge

August 1st - 31st

The theme for HEPL's next Teen Writing Challenge is mysteries! Teen writers can submit an original short story for a chance to win a gift card and have their story shared on our website. Get more details on our blog!



Crossroads Discovery Center

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

G.A.B.- Genealogy Advisory Board*

Thu. 8/7, 9/4, 10/2 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

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



How to Find A House's History*

Sat. 8/9 | 10:30am-12pm | NOB

Learn what resources are available and where to begin with house history hunting in Noblesville and Hamilton County. Methods are applicable to houses of all ages and in all locations, but we will use Noblesville as a case study.

Let's Get Social with Genealogy and Social Media*

Sat. 8/23 | 11am-12pm | NOB

In this presentation by Amber Oldenburg of One Branch At a Time Genealogy, you will learn how to harness the power of social media to further your research and increase your genealogy knowledge.



Family Crests & Heraldry*

Sat. 9/13 | 2-3pm | NOB

Heraldry and family crests have their own rules and language. Take a look with us at the background, resources, and possible pitfalls when you are exploring ancestral connections.

Unlocking African American Family History*

Wed. 9/24 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Learn to search for African American genealogy records with Kamia Jackson, Vice President of the Indiana African American Genealogy Group. This interactive genealogy presentation is designed to help participants research their African American ancestors by sharing family stories and collaboratively identifying tips and strategies for using essential genealogy tools.

Family History Day*

Sat. 10/11 | 12:30-4:30pm | NOB

Our 2nd annual free genealogy conference! See details on page 7!

Crownland Cemetery Walking Tour*

Sat. 10/25 | 2-3pm
| Offsite

Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville is a great starting point for many stories about county history. Join us for a stroll through the grounds to explore the diverse people of the community and hear their stories.



Reading Programs



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

It is never too early to start your little one on the road to reading! Share books with your little ones while building critical early literacy skills before they start school. Earn badges along the way to the special completion prize. Start your child's journey today.



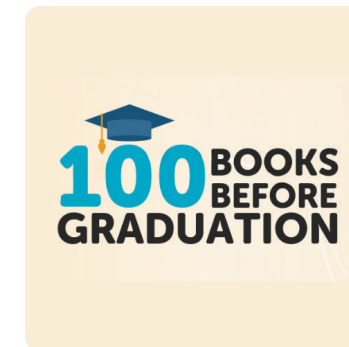
500 Books Before Middle School

Do you have a reader between kindergarten and 5th grade? Track their reading progress and earn prizes. Participants can earn an achievement certificate and a book plate to personalize and place in a chapter book located within our Children's Collection. Challenge completions will also come with a special library experience!



100 Books Before High School

Middle Schoolers can keep reading books to win prizes throughout 6th-8th grades. Win a vinyl sticker for signing up and for every 10 books you read. When you reach 100 books, win a \$10 gift card from Barnes & Noble!



100 Books Before Graduation

Finding time to read in high school can be rough. Encourage your high schoolers (grades 9-12) to keep finding reading time in their schedules so they can become lifelong learners! Win a vinyl sticker for signing up and for every 10 books you read. When you finish logging your 100th book, win a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card!



Teen Reading Challenge

Want to read something but don't know what? The Teen Reading Challenge will help you add books to your finished pile! Each month, teens are challenged to read a book with a unique theme for a prize. If you skip a month (we all get busy!), you have until the end of the year to read a book with that theme. If you complete the challenge every month, you win an extra bonus prize at the end of the year! Come to the TeenZone to redeem your prizes.



All of our reading programs can be accessed through Beanstack (hepl.beanstack.org), which is our free online service that offers book and activity logging. Continue to grow your love of reading by participating in one of our programs!

Ignite Studio

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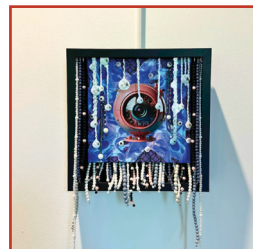
Drop-In Activities

Art Hack: Customizing Everyday Objects

Sat. 10/4 | 1-4pm | Ages 8-12 w/Adult and 13+ | IGN

Sat. 11/8 | 1-5pm | Ages 13+ | IGN

Bring everyday objects, like clothing, mugs, or small furniture, and personalize them using our sublimation printers, vinyl and heat presses.



Analog Meets Digital | Ages 12+

Thu. 11/20 | 5-8pm | IGN

Sat. 12/6 | 10am-1pm | IGN

Bring in your own 2D artwork—such as a drawing, collage, or embroidery—and explore how to turn it into a digital piece.

Create Together: Fishers Farmers Market | All Ages

Sat. 9/13 | 9am-12pm | Nickel Plate AMP

Open Studio | All Ages

Mon. 9/8, 10/6, 10/27, 12/8, 12/15 | 5-8pm | IGN

Thu. 9/25, 10/16, 11/6, 12/4 | 5-8pm | IGN

A Library of Futures:

A Community Collage of Tomorrows

Community members are invited to contribute artwork—2D, 3D, or digital—that expresses personal visions of tomorrow. These pieces will come together in December as a large-scale, collaborative collage celebrating creativity, imagination, and the many possibilities ahead. Stop by the MIR Studio or check out the Ignite blog for details. Submissions due: 11/19/2025

Maker-in-Residence Workshops

Scribbles to Sculptures: Turning Sketches into 3D Models* | Ages 13+

Wed. 9/10, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3 | 6-8pm | IGN

Unlock your creative potential by transforming sketches into 3D models using Tinkercad!



Cut, Paste, Pixelate!: Creating Analog + Digital Collages* Ages 15+

Wed. 9/17, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10 | 6-8pm | IGN

Start with scissors and glue, end with pixels and sound! Create a traditional collage using physical materials, then photograph and transform your work into a digital version.

Style Lab*

Wed. 9/24 & 12/17 | 5:30-7:30pm | Ages 11-14 | IGN

Sat. 10/4 & 11/8 | 10am-12pm | Teens | IGN

Sat. 11/15 | 11am-3pm | Ages 10+ | IGN

Combine classic art materials with 3D printing pens to prototype unique accessories and wearable art pieces.

Remix - Intro to Augmented Reality* | Ages 15+

Wed. 10/15 | 6-8pm | IGN

Sat. 10/18 & 11/22 | 10am-12pm | IGN

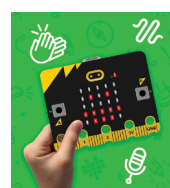
Get a hands-on intro to creating with 8th Wall, a powerful platform that lets you design interactive AR experiences right in your web browser—no headset required.

Build Your Own Micro:bit Pet*

Sat. 9/27 & 10/11 | 10am-12pm | Ages 11-14

Wed. 11/19 | 5:30-7:30pm | Ages 8-12 | IGN

Bring your own digital pet to life! Use the BBC Micro:bit to code an interactive virtual pet that responds to your actions.



Meet Our Fall Maker-in-Residence

MATT DELOUGHERY



Matt DeLoughery is an artist, educator, and advocate dedicated to fostering creativity, inclusion, and empowerment. He blends traditional materials with emerging technologies to explore themes of identity, futurism, and both individual and community voice. He currently serves as a Director at a nonprofit focused on STEAM education and innovation, and also runs his own arts integration company, developing meaningful, community-driven projects that combine analog and digital tools.



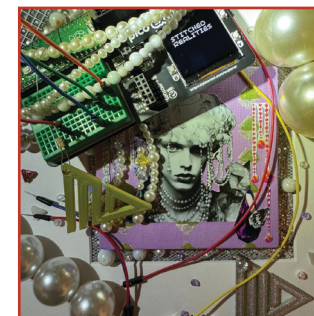
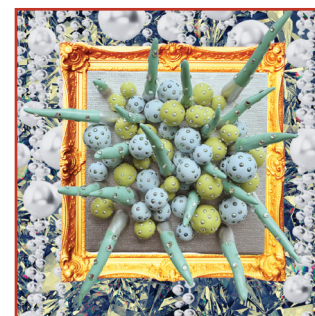
Q&A

What mediums do you work in and why?

I work across traditional and emerging mediums—sculpture, collage, 3D printing, and augmented reality. I'm interested in how analog and digital tools can come together to empower creativity and storytelling. My work often explores identity, technology, and the future, and I love showing others that anyone can be a maker.

What is your favorite art tool/supply?

I'm a big fan of tools that make creativity more accessible. I love combining analog materials like polymer clay, paint, and collage with digital tools like 3D modeling and augmented reality. These tools open the door for people of all skill levels to customize, create, and experiment.



Who are some of your favorite artists?

I'm inspired by the Situationist International and their ideas about art being part of everyday life—not just something that hangs on a wall. I'm drawn to artists and movements that blur the lines between art, activism, and public engagement. I also admire contemporary artists who mix mediums and use technology in unexpected ways to tell stories or invite participation.

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

During my residency at Ignite, the emphasis will be on playful exploration, where participants are encouraged to mix traditional and new materials in creative ways. I want to ensure that everyone, regardless of experience, feels empowered to dive into the world of art and technology, and to see how combining different mediums can lead to unexpected and exciting outcomes.

SEED TO TABLE

— Making the Most of Your Harvest —

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, gardens across the region burst with the final abundance of the season. Harvest time isn't just about picking produce — it's about celebrating the journey from planting the first seed to enjoying the fruits of your labor. We caught up with Kathy, our community's beloved librarian of over 30 years, who gave us a glimpse into her own gardening journey this year. Below, explore how to make the most of your garden's bounty with fresh recipes, gardening programs at the library, and guidance on how our Seed Library can help you plan for next year's growth. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a first-time grower, it's time to savor the season and prepare for what's to come.

Upcoming Gardening Programs

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

Preserving Fall: Jams, Jellies & Fruit Butters*

Thu. 8/7 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Edible Gardening Basics*

Thu. 8/28 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

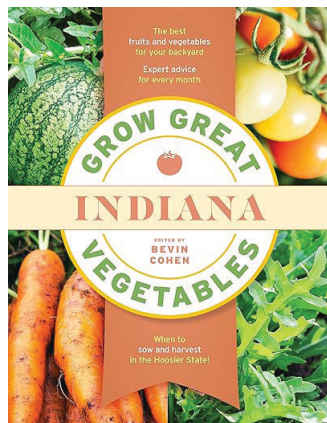
Container Gardening*

Thu. 9/4 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

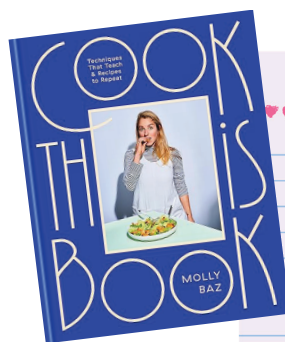
The Beginner's Guide to Foraging: Learn to Forage Safely and Sustainably*

Thu. 10/2 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Kathy Recommends:



Find more gardening books, tips, and resources on our Seed Library page.



Tomato Toast with Cheddar & Smoky Mayo
Combine mayo, smoked paprika, salt, grated garlic, and a splash of lemon juice. Toast your ciabatta bread. Top with the mayo, some sharp cheddar, and a few slices of ripe heirloom tomato. Sprinkle on chives, salt, pepper, and olive oil. Enjoy!
From Molly Baz's *Cook This Book*



Hello Fellow Gardeners -

You might remember me and my garden. I was a librarian at HEPL and shared gardening tips as well as helped with the Seed Library. I retired last summer and have now had plenty of time to get my garden in perfect order. The surprise is that it isn't!

This morning, while sipping coffee, I made a list of the 24 things I would like to get done in the garden. Among them is the need to plant the 36 flowers I started through winter sowing last year. I should mention, while you are reading this in the fall, I wrote this in June, so I am not as far behind as it sounds.

I don't write this as a warning that gardening is too much work, but

rather that gardening is a constant source of pleasure. And exercise! I don't think anyone will ever say, "I wish I could spend more time doing laundry and cleaning bathrooms," but I think most of us would like more time in nature, enjoying our beautiful world.

Yesterday, I was at the Fishers Library restocking the Seed Library. If the number of seeds they have given out is any indication, you all are loving it! I am loving it too.

Yesterday I took home a package of Roma Bush beans. We love beans, and I have room to plant one more row. I decided this year to try to grow more of what we love and less of what we don't love as much.

I am still searching for a way to grow zucchini without using pesticides. I've tried companion planting of daikon radishes, aluminum foil, delaying planting, and lots of other potential solutions.

I recently read in *Grow Great Vegetables in Indiana* by Bevin Cohen, that healthy plants will do better at resisting pests. I am going to do as he says and consistently water, give them each a good dose of compost, allow plenty of space and hope for the best. (and try to remove any bugs I see!)

While at the library, I also took home some Marigold seeds from the donated seeds. It's hard to believe but some of your plants might already have seeds that can be collected and donated to the Seed Library. I like to donate, as the Seed Library can't have everything, and I can save seeds from plants I have that the Seed Library doesn't have.

Two years ago someone donated perennial Sweet William to the Seed Library, and I started it through winter sowing. It has been magnificent! Thank you to whoever donated the Sweet William and know that I'll be donating seeds this fall from them as well.

I hope you all had a great summer and you had great garden experiences. Crunching your way through the first sugar snap pea of the season, enjoying a lovely tomato with basil and mozzarella, making bouquets with your flowers

for special events, and just enjoying the fruits of your labors.

Of course, it didn't all go perfectly, or at least my garden doesn't, but that is part of the challenge and joy of gardening. Always something to look forward to.

Thank you for being library users, and Happy Gardening to you!

- Kathy

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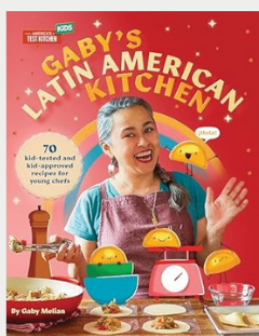
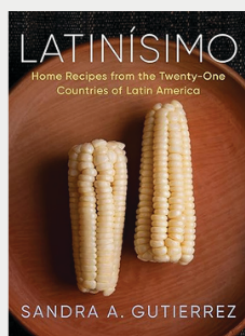


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